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# Salt Lake City and Sydney keep Games

By John Goodbody, sports news correspondent

THE ruling body of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) yesterday recommended that six IOC members be expelled in the biggest scandal in the 104-year history of the

Three other members have already resigned and three more remain under investigation in the £500.000 "votes-forfavours" scandal over Salt 'Lake City's winning bid for the ₹002 Winter Olympics.

Juan Antonio Samaranch. the JOC President who is due to retire in 2001, also said vesterday that he would seek a vote of confidence from the remaining members when they hold an extraordinary session in Lausanne on March 17 and 18. His heir apparent is now

under investigation. The crisis has left an indelible stain on the 21-year reign of Señor Samaranch as head of the movement. The expulsions and resignations will not satisfy his critics, who believe he must take more of the blame for the crisis.

/ Leading international sponsors, such as Coca-Cola and Time Magazine, who put hundreds of millions of pounds into the Games, are threatening to halt financial support unless there is a complete break with the past.

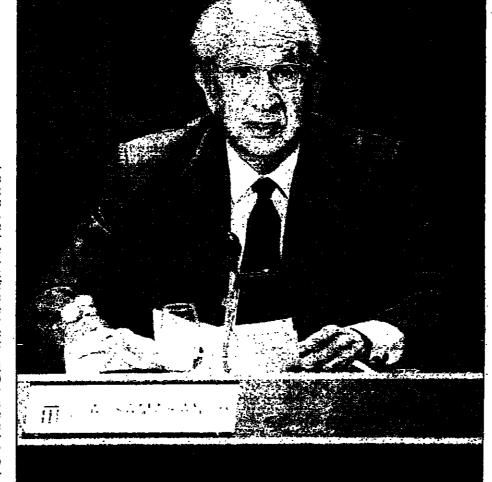
The remaining members of the 112-strong Committee, including the Princess Royal. are expected to back the Executive Board recommendation to expel the six, all of whom are either African or South American. A two-thirds majority is needed to carry out what would be the first expulsions in the history of the Olympics.

Señor Samaranch said: "We encourage them to tender their resignation. They don't have to wait to be expelled. It is better to put an end to this most dire chapter in the history of the Olympics. These members have done great harm to the Olympic family and now their greatest service to the Olympic movement is simply to accept their fate.

Señor Samaranch pledged yesterday that both the 2000 Summer Games in Sydney and the 2002 Winter Games in Salt Lake City would continue at their chosen venues. There were further revelations over the week-end that Sydney agreed in 1993 to give cash to the national Olympic committees of Kenya and Uganda to ensure their support for 2000. Sydney won by only two votes from Beijing.

The most famous member facing expulsion is Jean-Claude Ganga, from the Congo, arguably the most impor-tant man in African sport and the man who led the move to ban Rhodesia from the 1972 Olympics and also the Black African boycott of the 1976 Games in Montreal. Mr Ganga, an IOC member since 1986, was accused of making more than £30,000 from a land deal set up by Salt Lake

City. The remaining five mem-



Juan Antonio Samaranch, the IOC President, at the press confernee in Lausanne

bers to face expulsion are: Carlos Arroyo of Ecuador; Zein El Abdin Abdel Gadir of Sudan; Lamine Keita of Mali; Charles Nderitu Mukora of Kenya and Sergio Santander Fantini of Chile.

The three who have resigned are: Pirjo Haeggman of Finland and Bashir Muhammad Attarabulsi of Libya, both of whom made their decisions last week, and David Sibandze of Swaziland, who acted yesterday.

Anton Geesink of The Neth-

erlands, the 1964 Olympic judo champion, was also given severe reprimand after an academy which bears his

name received £3,500. However, the spiralling crisis also includes further inquiries into the activities of three other powerful members. They are Kim Un Yong of South Korea, a possible successor to Señor Samaranch, Vitali Smirnov of Russia and Louis Guirandou N'Diave of Ivory Coast\_ However, IOC sources said last night that they were

expected to be cleared of any wrongdoing.

Yesterday's decision by the all-powerful Executive Board. which met in Lausanne, followed a five-week investigation. Members were accused of accepting inducements of up to a total of £500,000 in cash and benefits from Salt Lake City. There were also reports of gifts and free medical

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# Passive corruption of a pretend president

try but of a body that puts on

something that just happens

THE last Olympic press conference shown on television in this country concerned the Canadian gold medal-winning snowboarder Ross Rebagliati, who had tested positive for marijuana. He told the world to be the finest sport in the hisit was an accident; he was the victim of passive smoking.

Yesterday, the President of the Internatinal Olympic Committee, Juan Antonio Samaranch, held a press conference to tell the world that he was guilty of passive corruption. He apologised on behalf of everybody else, making it quite plain that he himself was more to be nitied than blamed. The two performances were

equally convincing. Senor Samaranch said that six members of the IOC were recommended for expulsion for receiving gifts from cities wishing to stage the Olympic Games. An Ethics Commission will be formed. Serior Samaranch is a politician through and through; when in trouble blame everybody else

and form a committee. Señor Samaranch, now 78, said that he had not even considered resigning. He will stay on until 2001. He delivered the words like a mild-mannered dalek: as ever the only living man who actually looks like his own passport photograph. He always manages to come across as the kind of President who gives megalomania a

The fact is, of course, that this monstrously self-aggrandising leader of men is not a real president at all. He is called Mr President wherever he goes, is treated with great

deference and is given the best of everything as of right. But he is a pretend president: president not of a coun-

tory of the world. There is certainly money, power and pres-tige involved: but only in the distribution of sporting and commercial favours. But Señor Samaranch has always wanted the Nobel Peace Prize. He is always to be found with phrases like "Olympic ideal" on his lips. Love, peace, brotherhood and international goodwill just happen to be the most wonderfully

it is all phoney. The Games are not about brotherhood and sisterhood. They are about competition, which happens to make riveting television. Hence the money, hence the power. The sport is dressed up in cosy, phoney

marketable notions: especially

if you happen to be an interna-

tional company. But of course.

A couple of decades ago it seemed the Olympics would be brought low by lack of staging the Games had become sport.

prohibitively expensive. It was Señor Samaranch's achievement to change all that: the Olympics are now the most colossal revenue earner. Thus the Games have been brought low by excess of money.

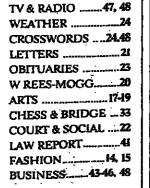
The voting procedure was always carte blanche for casual corruption corruption has been a standard item of gossip for a decade and more. But too often, the IOC and Senor Samaranch had preferred the appearance of virtue to virtue itself. Thus an infected, untreated toe has become a case of galloping gangrene.

We have heard of attempts to corrupt ICIC members by diracs that didn reven with just as totally unexceptional athletes have been caught with drugs in the modern Giant is seems that you need ning fair on the simple joys of

taking film.
It all comes down to the traditional Olympic confusion of sport and virtue. Goodness. what beautiful pearls, someone said to Mae West. "Goodness has nothing to do with it." Goodness, what beautiful

### Blacks and crime

The Home Office has shelved a secret study showing that acks are far more likely to eriminals than are Asians ad whites.....



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#### Lewinsky back in Washington

Monica Lewinsky in Washington after she returned from Los Angeles under a court or-der to be interviewed by Re-Clinton's impeachment trial. Judge Norma Holloway Johnson said she must co-operate or "forfeit her protections" under an immunity ... Page 13

#### US bombs Iraqi missile sites

American fighters bombed two Iraqi surface-to-air missile systems in northern Iraq. The Americans said an F-15E "Strike Eagle" plane had probably scored a direct hit on the site, which "posed a threat to coalition forces in the region". American aircraft also fired anti-radar missiles at another Iraqi missile site.

# Blairs condemn press report on daughter

By JUL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Prime Minister and his wife last night objected to the Press Complaints Commission over a newspaper story about Kathryn, their ten-yearold daughter. The Prime

spokesman said that Tony and Cherie Blair had complained to Lord Wakeham, chairman of the commission. . The story in the Mail On

Sunday referred to the school to which the Blairs are sending their daughter in September and said several parents were accusing the school of giving her a place at the expense of local children. Mr Blair announced two

weeks ago that he was sending his daughter to the Sacred Heart, a Roman Catholic comprehensive in Hammersmith But in what is believed to be

the first complaint to the commission by a Prime Minister, Mr Blair said the newspaper had breached the code of conduct about press intrusion into children's lives. The spokesman added that the Blairs would be asking the commission about general guidance for the protection of children

of public figures. Government sources said Mr Blair was particularly angry as it appeared that Mail on Sunday reporters had been deliberately intrusive and tried to whip up comments by parents. They said that two thirds of children at the school came from outside the catch-

The strongly-worded statement, delivered to Lord Wakeham yesterday, said that under the commission's guidelines, children should be able to attend school without press intrusion and that the private lives of children should not be covered simply because they

had famous parents.
The facts are these. The Blairs want their daughter to attend a Catholic comprehen-sive girls' school, of which there are none in Westminster. The school their daughter is due to attend was their first choice," the statement said. "It's reasonably close to the school attended by their sons: which means the children will be able to travel together.

'As the school head and the Local Education Authority have made clear, all the normal procedures were followed in line with the school's admissions policy, and the Prime Minister's daughter received no special treatment."

The statement acknowledged that in any over-subscribed school there would be disappointed children and parents, "but to say that amounts to special treatment for one pupil who is being offered a place

wrong, unfair and without

any foundation whatever." It said that the Blairs tolerated a good deal of media attack and intrusion without complaint. "But they see no reason why their children should not be allowed the freedom from intrusion the PCC claims its members support."

The Blairs came under attack four years ago when they announced they were sending their son, Euan, to the grant-maintained Brompton Oratory in Fulham His brother, Nicky, followed him later. The Mail on Sunday report

ed parents as saying that the Blairs should have sent Kathryn closer to home. The Notre Dame High School in South-wark, a Roman Catholic comprehensive, is about two miles from Downing Street, but trav-el could be difficult given that the boys go to Fulham in west London. Two other Catholic state girls' schools are equidistant to Hammersmith from Downing Street.

# Mowlam wants end to beatings

By MARTIN FLETCHER CHIEF IRELAND

MO MOWLAM will today meet the political representa-tives of Northern Ireland's three main paramilitary groups at Stormont to demand an end to all "punishment beatings" and kneecappings.
Sources said the Northern

Ireland Secretary would tell Sinn Fein and the loyalist Progressive Unionist and Ulster Democratic parties of her "abhorrence at 'punishment at-tacks' and their obligation to do all they can to halt them".

The meeting comes as the Government faces pressure from Labour backbenchers as well as the Conservatives to suspend the release of terrorist prisoners because the attacks violate the Good Friday peace accord. The Northern Ireland Office denied reports yesterday that Dr Mowlam was considering a move of that sort.

These are munitations, there are people with their legs eing blown off." William Hague, the Conservative lead-er, said on television. He believed to release prisoners early is a mistake

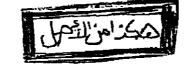
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# **KNOWS** WHEN TIME IS RUNNING OUT.

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# Straw shelves study on black criminality

THE Home Office has shelved a highly sensitive study showing that black people are far more likely than Asian or whites to become involved in crime.

The confidential study was carried out by a senior Home Office researcher for Jack Straw, the Home Secretary. and its circulation has been tightly restricted.

Senior police believe the study has been "put on the back-burner" because of the impending report into the racist murder of Stephen Lawrence, which is expected to criticise police racism. They are frustrated that Mr Straw is shying away from a public de-bate on the scale of black criminality and the reasons for it.

One police source said that the Home Office study was "a fairly sensitive piece of work. It is about where we are going, and there are some unhappy conclusions. It is substantial and quite revealing."

Although the study raises important questions on crimes by members of ethnic minorities, a Home Office source confirmed that no action has been planned as a result.

The author of the study was Dr Marion Fitzgerald, a senior criminologist and sociologist in the Home Office's research and development section, who has written other papers on race and crime statistics. The study analyses material published during the 1990s and questions why a higher

Conclusions of report on racial

factors are being kept under lock and key, reports Stewart Tendler

tion than the Asian population is linked to crime.

The study has drawn on Home Office statistics for 1997-98 on the relationship between ethnic communities and the criminal justice system. Those statistics show that 2 per cent of the population aged ten and above in England and Wales are black. 3 per cent Asian, and another 1 per cent linked to the Far East, Middle East or other parts of the

There were nearly two mil-lion arrests in 1997-98 of which 7 per cent or 138,000 were of black people. 4 per cent or 80,100 were Asian, and 18,000 or I per cent were other people of non-white origin.

Research in ten forces that cover two thirds of the popula-tion from ethnic minority backgrounds in England and Wales, showed that in Leicestershire there were 232 arrests for every 1,000 black people aged ten and over, 43 per 1,000 Asians and 34 per 1,000 whites. The highest figure for proportion of the black popula- Asians was in Thames Valley highest for whites was in Lan-

cashire with 53 per 1,000. Dr Fitzgerald's report examines the situation in London. analysing the possible influence of the high rates of family break-up in the black community on criminal behaviour, as well as the economic and cultural cost of crime to the com-

It could influence policy decisions on how to prevent young-sters from ethnic backgrounds becoming offenders.

Dr Fitzgerald is a former academic who joined the Home Office more than a decade ago. She prepared research on crime and race for the royal commission on the criminal justice system under Lord Runciman and has published papers on ethnic monitoring in police forces and victimisation and harassment of people from ethnic minority backgrounds.

Three years ago the sensitivi-ty of the issue of race and crime was highlighted when Scotland Yard launched Operation Eagle Eye against street muggers. Sir Paul Condon, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, was widely attacked for saying that young black people were suspected of committing the majority of street robberies.

A spokesman for the Home Office said that the study was an internal paper and there was no question of anything being suppressed or delayed because of the Stephen Law-



Rupert and Sheila Sylvester, whose son died in hospital, walking either side of a priest at the head of the march yesterday

# Grieving parents demand explanation

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY

THE parents of a 30-year-old black man who died after being overpowered by eight policemen marched to a police station yesterday wearing shirts printed with the words "Who killed

Rupert and Sheila Sylvester, whose son Roger died last Tuesday after eight days in a come, were joined by 600 marchers, including Neville Law-rence, father of Stephen, whose racist murder was unsolved because of apparent police blunders.

'It's another person who has been killed," said Mr Lawrence. "Even with the focus on the police, they still continue to do the same. It's business as usual as far as I am concerned."

The deeply religious family, originally from Granada, led a dignified march through the racially tense area of Tottenham, north London, the par-ents holding the hands of their minister the Rev Gerald Bruce, singing "We shall overcome".

At the police station, candles were lit and left burning on the railings as an increasingly agitated crowd shouted: "Murderers" at the police.

Roger Sylvester's mysterious death has ignited the black community in a district which was inflamed by the 1993 death of Joy Gardner, who died after her head was covered in sticky tape while she was being deported. Police and black community leaders

have been struggling to build trust since the 1985 Broadwater Farm riot, when PC Keith Blacklock was mur-

According to the police, Mr Sylvest-er was restrained after being found na-

ked, banging on a door in his own street in Tottenham two weeks ago. He was handcuffed and taken to St. Ann's Hospital to be sectioned under the Mental Health Act but suffered a respiratory arrest while being assessed by medical staff.

He was taken to North Middlesex Hospital and finally Whittington Hospital where he died in the intensive care unit.

The family, who have been trying to stop the campaign being hijacked by Trotskyists and black-power militants, gathered outside his home in Summer hill Road yesterday afternoon.

Mr Bruce from the Finsbury Park Methodist Church said: "We pray that Roger's death will be a means whereby we can change our society in a peaceful, powerful way."



Roger Sylvester: family led march

# to unpaid leave

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

to allow their staff to take unpaid "emergency" days off under an ambitious package of measures to help families, to he unveiled by the Govern-

will outline a series of proposals to extend maternity leave. introduce starutory parental leave and allow staff an unlimited number of days off. These would have to be for urgent reasons such as sickness in the family, bereavement, trouble at school, help for elderly parents, accidents or domestic

Ministers will be consulting on the best way to stop abuse of the new regulations, although the days off will be

Stephen Byers, the Trade and industry Secretary will also announce that the Government is cutting from two years to one the amount of time that staff need to be employed before they are entitled to unpaid maternity leave.

At the moment pregnant women are entitled to 18 weeks statutory maternity pay from the day they join a company.

COMPANIES will be forced They are also entitled to 14 weeks statutory maternity leave from day one and up to 40 weeks unpaid leave if they have been in the company for

But under regulations following the Fairness at Work Bill, all new mothers will qualify for 18 weeks statutory leave from day one, and up to 40 weeks unpaid after one year instead of two.

The Bill will also allow three months unpaid parental leave to be taken by either or both parents in addition to maternity leave. Although details have et to be finalised, this could be taken until the child is 11 or even up to 16. It could be taken in one chunk or spread over six months as part of jobshare.

Parents who adopt children will be also entitled to take three months leave to allow them to bond with their child. The main focus of the Bill will be on statutory recogn-

tions for unions. Mr Byers has decided to keep all the changes on the issue that were announced by Peter Mandelson in December shortly before he was forced to resign over the home-loan affair.

# Staff get a right | Irvine heads off clash with judges over powers

By Frances Gibb, legal correspondent

THE Lord Chancellor has defused a potential clash with senior judges over the powers he proposes for himself over the justice system and legal

Lord Irvine of Lairg has told peers that he will accept amendments aimed at curbing the powers set out in his Access to Justice Bill. Both the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Bingham of Cornhill, and the Master of the Rolls, Lord Woolf, are backing the restrictions suggested last week at the Committee stage.

> Lord Lloyd of Berwick, a retired law lord, and backed by several peers as well as the Bar, sets out principles that would govern the exercise of powers by the Lord Chancellor. These include: that people should not be denied access to justice or the machinery of justice on account of their means; that legal services ensure that disputes are settled expeditiously; and that a strong, independent and self-regulating le-

An amendment tabled by

gal profession be preserved. Two weeks ago, Lord Irvine's proposals came under attack from a select committee

under Lord Alexander of Weedon which said the powers proposed for the Lord Chancellor were "almost untrammelled" and of "considerable concern".

Under the Bill, the Lord Chancellor will direct the Le-Services Commission which replaces the Legal Aid Board. The commission will run the proposed Community Legal Service and Criminal Defence Service in the allocation of El.6 billion of public funds spent on legal services. The Bill also enables the



Irvine: will accept neers' amendments to Bill

Lord Chancellor to take increased powers over the rules of the legal profession, including the determination of rights of audience. But in concessions made

during debate last week on the Bill, Lord Irvine has accepted that there should be a statuto ry statement of purpose governing the Bill. He also accepted that provisions on how the money will be allocated should be laid before Parliament in draft and subject to affirmative procedure. On the issue of the independence of the legal profession - on which Lord Irvine was facing widespread opposition, he said: "I believe profoundly that a strong, independent and selfregulating legal profession

should be preserved." He said he would look at how he can strengthen the wording of the Bill to enshrine the importance of advocates being independent; and, in response to concerns expressed by Lord Ackner, a retired law lord, at how to ensure that only advocates with specific skills and knowledge, and subject to a code of discipline, are allowed to take cases in courts.

# MP agrees age of consent deal

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE Labour MP who led opposition last year to reducing the age of consent for homosexuals to 16 yesterday called on Labour MPs to back the new Bill making the change.

Joe Ashton, MP for Bassetlaw, said he would support the second reading today of the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill after the Government's decision to bring in safeguards to protect vulnerable teenagers from being exploited by people such as teachers and careworkers in positions of trust.

He said last night: 'The position taken by me and other Labour MPs was never anti-gay. It was the fear that lowering the age of consent to 16 would mean that more young people would fall prey to people who abuse their positions of trust. Now I am happy to ask all Lahour MPs to vote for the Bill and I hope that the Lords will back it as well."

The safeguards had been sought by Mr Ashton and other Labour MPs when the attempt to bring in a lower age of consent fell at the last hurdle after defeat in the Lords of an amendment to the Crime and Disorder Bill. Mr Ashton's stand in the Commons he secured the backing of about 30 Labour MPs - was seen by peers as justification for opposing the will of the Commons.

Fears of losing the whole Bill persuaded Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, not to press the issue. Instead, he promised to bring back a government measure in this parliamentary session after a study of the concerns raised by Mr

The Bill introduces a new offence of abuse of trust that will apply equally to young men and women. It would protect 16 and 17 year olds from sexual pressures from those in positions of authority and trust by making such advances a criminal offence. It would apply to adults such as teachers, carers, prison staff and hospital workers.

The offence will criminalise only the older partner but it effectively outlaws teacher-pupil love affairs. Gay rights groups such as Stonewall have been mollified by the Government's agreement that the anti-abuse law should apply equally to faces ten charges over two girls

Man, 45,

By A CORRESPONDENT

A MAN aged 45 will appear in court today facing ten charges over the disappearance of two girls. Alan Edward Hopkinson is accused of kidnapping, abduction, false imprisonment and other alleged offences relating to serious assaults.

Mr Hopkinson, from Langney, Eastbourne, East Sussex, has been in custody at Hastings police station since his arrest on Friday and is due to appear at the town's magistrates'

court this morning. The court is expected to be packed with reporters and police said yesterday that they were preparing for the possibility that a large crowd could gather outside the courthouse. Mr Hopkinson will be taken from the police station to the courthouse via an underground passage connecting

the buildings. He was charged on Satur-day night after a huge police operation to find the girls, both aged 10, who went missing while on their way to school last Tuesday morning. They were reunited with their families on Friday evening af ter being found safe.

Earlier today churchgoers in East Sussex said prayers of the thanks for the safe return of the girls. The congregation at 12 one church prayed that the youngsters and their familie. would recover from the ordeal. which shocked the local com!78 munity.

The church minister said everyone was delighted that the girls had been reunited with their families. "Our is prayers have been answered the whole congregation has. been so very worried all week! and today we thank God for their safe return. Our thoughts are with the girls and their families at this time."

# Teachers' pay rise threatens class size pledge

THE pledge by Tony Blair to cut class sizes would be derailed by an above inflation pay deal for teachers next week, local authority leaders have warned the Government.

Ministers are believed to have been considering a 4 per cent pay award for teachers in England. Although he has refused to give any guarantees. David Blunkett, the Education and Employment Secre-tary, is anxious to pay the award in full rather than in stages, as the past

three have been. But Graham Lane, the education chairman of the Local Government Association, said schools could only afford a three per cent increase from this year's budget. A bigger

Employers fear a budget-busting 4 per cent award, reports John O'Leary

rise would mean larger classes unless the Government funded the

Mr Lane said: "Every one per cent increase costs £120 million and we simply have not got the money to pay it. No one wants to deny teachers a decent rise, but it has to

be one we can afford." Although the Government's spending assessment for education was 5.5 per cent up on the previous year, many authorities were already spending above the recommended level. With other services' funding being squeezed, schools'

budgets are unlikely to be topped up locally as they have been in re-

cent years. Mr Lane said councils had put more money aside for teachers' pay than Treasury guidance implied. Rather than allowing for a 2.5 per cent cost of living rise, they had

budgeted for three per cent. "With the school population ris-ing again, we will have no choice but to increase class sizes and cut back other initiatives, if the pay award is too high. This is not some Mexican bargaining trick: I am trying to save the Government from

the same mistake the Tories made when they refused to fund teachers'

The authorities' stance presents ministers with a dilemma when they finalise public sector awards this week. Low recruitment to the profession is causing serious concern and teachers' unions are determined to recoup ground lost over

the past three years. Although the recent Green Paper on the teaching profession holds out the promise of substantial increases for many members of the profession, the awards will not be

seen for at least another year. With Scottish teachers discussing a possible 18 per cent rise over three years, the English unions are reluctant to

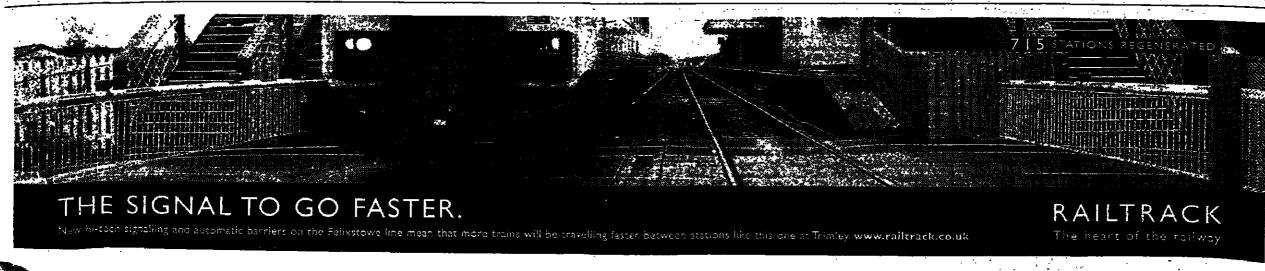
A spokeswoman for the National Union of Teachers said: "Unless the Government does something about salaries immediately, recruitment problems are going to get worse. Teachers are fed up with being treated as they have been over the last three years, with low increases and

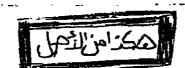
They have to treat teaching shortages as seriously as they do nurses.

The NUT is already concerned at the funding allocated for the Green Paper reforms: A union report to be published today will question whether the El billion committed for the pay initiative is sufficient to allow a majority of the profession to enefit, as Mr Blunkett has prom-

Nigel de Gruchy, general secre-tary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said it was essential that teachers should not fall further behind other professions if the reforms were to succeed.

"If this year's settlement is too low, it will wreck the Green Paper exercise." he said.





# McCartney swears by Linda's last song

launched a crusade against radio and television stations that have banned the final song by his lare wife, Linda, because it contains a swear word. The single, The Light Comes From Within, is taken from his wies postiumous solo al-bum, Wide Prairie.

Sir Paul has taken out an ad-Times today complaining about the censorship and asking the nation's parents to decide whether their children will be morally corrupted by the lyric.

"You say I'm simple, you

"You're issing no one, you supid dick."
Sir Paul said last night that the swear word was used frequently on television and radio and that it was misguided to try to shield children from its use. Is this the 90s or the 20s?"

The record mocks Lady Mo-Cartney's critics, who cidiculed her during her lifetime mal rights campaigns. Her husband feels strongly that, beguse it is her final musical tesClaudia Joseph and Adrian Lee on a spat with broadcasters over that word

Paul says: "Should you decide that your children must not hear this record, we would be grateful for your wisdom and good sense and will put our fin-gers in our ears whenever we hear it played...

"If, on the other hand, you. feel that no harm will come to your children by being exposed to this song give the
guidance so sorely needed and
tell them it's OK to do so."

The song, which goes in
sale today, is released by EMI

with a parental guidance stick-

PARENTS The reed your guidance

Part of the advertisement taken out by Sir Paul today

Sir Paul claims it has been banned by BBC Radio, al-though the B-side, Seaside Woman, has been playlisted by Radio 2. An animated video of the song, made by Oscar Grillo, also faces a blackout on Top of the Pops and The Pepsi Music Show, as well as Live &

Kicking. The Big Breakfast and GMTV.

Sir Paul, citing broadcasters such as Zoe Ball, who has sworn on her Radio One breakfast show, and Bob Geldof. who swore during his Live Aid appeal, told The Times: "I find it all very funny. I don't think

MUSIC TO THE EARS OF POP-LOVERS

ous. After all, people do use the word on the telly and on the radio too. It does seem bizarre that TV's own people can swear on a show but you can't swear in a song. I don't understand the difference."

Sir Paul has been paid El million for the collection of songs written by Lady McCartney. He is expected to donate the money to animal rights'

A spokesman for the former Beatle said: "This apparently seditious little word has been

and say hello /On the comer is a banker with a his tack/And the banker never wears a mac/in

Begor Righy
Biggor Righy picks up the rice in a church a wedding has been/Lives in a hadin Waits at the window, wearing a face that she keeps in a jer by the door /Who is it for?/All this lonely people, where do they all come from? All the lonely people, where do they all belong?

used in popular culture since the 16th century. Writers from James Joyce and D.H. Lawrence to Nick Homby have employed it, and miraculously that has not resulted in Armaeeddon."

John Peel, the BBC present er, said yesterday: "There is a rendency for people to claim their records have been banned when in fact they are not being played because they

"I have not heard this record yet but the lyrics do not sound terribly profound. Of course one feels tremendous sympathy for Sir Paul but he must have known that it was unlikely to get daytime play." Mr Peel said he was not aware of any memo being circulated at the BBC relating to the McCarinev record.

Lady McCarmey composed the album over three decades, recording the final tracks in the weeks before her death, and intended to release the alburn before Christmas. When she died, her husband took

over the project.
On The Light From Within, Lady McCartney sings lead vocals and is backed by her husband on bass and her son. James, on lead guitar.A



The single's cover, with EMI's warning about the lyrics

spokeswoman for the BBC de-nied yesterday that there was a blanket ban on the song.

She said: "Bearing in mind audience sensitivity, we might edit as appropriate. If it gets in the Top 40, a radio edit will be played on the chart show." She said the spontaneous use of the swear word by presenters

was frowned upon and, afterwards, they were normally asked to apologise.

A spokesman for Capital Radio in London said the song was not on its playlist. It might be considered later but the swear word would create a problem. "Generally we try to

# BBC plans £100m concert showcase to surpass Live Aid

THE BBC is organising a TO million music extravanga-za that will surpass Live Aid as the biggest concert event ever staged in Britain. It will be a showcase for British musical talent and will mark the end of

Music Live-2000, which is being backed by the Govern-ment, will feature the cream of British talent in fields ranging from opera and jazz to pop in a five-day festival in May. Chart-topping pop artists in-cluding Oasis, Pulp, Massive Attack, George Michael, Elton John. Catatonia, the Manic Street Preachers, the Spice pirks and the Lightning Seeds are being approached to per-form at dozens of venues

Mick Hucknall, the Simply-Red singer who sits on the Government's music task force has also been approached to be an adviser and a performer: The sourano Les-ley Garrett, the Welsh bassbardone Bryn Terfel and the violinist Nigel Kennedy are

also expected to take part. The BBC, which will annonnce the festival today, said that it wanted the event to produce the same pride and eu-

Five day gig spectacular will

be the biggest

ever held in the UK, reports

**Carol Midgley** 1986. It is also in line with the Government's policy of mak-

which achieved domestic sales of £1,08 hillion in 1997. Bill Monris, the festival's di-rector, said: "We want it to be the kind of event where every

ber exactly where they were for it." During the festival, the bigtempted by the BBC, the various concerts will be broadcast. on BBCL BBC2, the digital channel BBC Choice and by all the corporation's national

radio stations.
The festival will culminate. with a 24-hour "Perfect Day" which will be a continuous broadcast of live music at ma-

street festivals featuring lesser-known artists. One plan is to have the BBC Symphony Orchestra play at a stadium before an important football march. There will also be a concert celebrating country and western music.

The concert's promoter, Harvey Goldsmith, who helped with Live Aid, said: "Culturally and financially the UK's music scene is a world leader.

"We have so much to be proud of, so what better way to mark millennium year than with the world's greatest live

music party?

It is expected that cities in-chiding Glasgow, Belfast, Car-diff and Manchester will hold the biggest events, while small-However, Wembley Stadium and the Royal Opera House will be closed for renovations. The events will be funded by

the licence fee, but the BBC said that it would be seen as a huge investment in British music. Chris Smith, the Culture Secretary, said: "Music Live promises to be a real high point in the millennium year. The country has such a wealth of talent as performers and



Ronan Keating, Irish lead singer with Boyzone, in his new, more statesmanlike guise. He may follow Dana's example

# Pop star wants to be President



Keating: teen heart-throb

RONAN KEATING, the lead singer of Boyzone, is considering pursuing a new career

as President of Ireland (Andrey Magee writes). The teenage pop heart-throb said: "It would be incredible. For me, it would be a rags-to-riches story about a fellow who grew up in working-class Bayside, was terrible at school but ended up being President of Ireland. It would be the pinnacle of my career."

Keating has been inspired by the success of Dana, the Eurovision Contest winner who came third in the last presidential contest. The boy-band singer feels he could do better and win a seven-year term. He may run next time, in 2004, or wait until the following election. "I

think I would do well because I can relate to people. I can very happily sit in the pub having a pint with Paddy or go abroad for the country. without making a show of myself."

Keating, now more likely to be seen in suit and tie than jeans and baseball cap, desperately wants to be taken seriously. Aged only 21, he is a millionaire, married, and his wife is expect-

ing their first child. He insists that he is a serious person with a good voice, business acumen and a deep concern for people. He was recently appointed by Dublin to the committee organising Ireland's millennium celebrations. Having tasted politics, is now keen to go further.

# **Ernie** Wise has heart surgery

By ALEX O'CONNELL

ERNIE WISE was last night in a critical but stable condition after undergoing a triple heart bypass operation in a hospital in Fort Lauderdale,

He was semi-conscious and able to open his eyes and squeeze the hand of his wife. Doreen, as she waited by his bedside. Doctors at the Northridge Medical Centre, where he has been since early December, gave him a 50-50 chance of survival, Mrs Wise said.

The 73-year-old entertainer has been in hospital since he fell ill at his winter holiday home in Boca Raton, on Florida's east coast, only days after celebrating his birthday on No-

He suffered two heart atalmost three weeks in intensive care. The couple celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary last Monday. Although he had been fed through tubes for two weeks. Wise are a slice of cake and was thought to be recovering well.

His health has been a concern for some time, and he has suffered a series of strokes. Wise's 40-year partnership with Eric Morecambe ended with Morecambe's death from heart failure in 1984...



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# Cities will do anything for Olympic gold

Games are always considered to have been held in Athens in in Los Angeles in 1984.

After those Games, the first to make a profit, the wooing of members of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) escalated to unsavoury heights. Presents, lavish meals. firstclass flights, luxury hotels, offers of prostitutes, and eventually bribes were used to secure

Staging the world's premier sports event has become the supreme prize for any city, worth billions of pounds.

The desire to stage the Games has not always been exactly intense. After Baron de Coubertin revived the Ancient Games in Athens in 1896, they almost died for lack of interest in Paris in 1900 and St Louis in 1904. There were few entries and little public attention.

However, by the 1924 Games, later celebrated in Chariots of Fire, the votes of IOC members were being actively sought. Monique Berrector of the IOC, wrote in 1976 that even in the 1920s, members were being offered first-class travel for themselves and their wives.

Until the 1970s the process

few staff, and its members had to pay their own fares and hotel bills. When Lord Killanin was asked to succeed Avery Brundage as IOC president after 1072, he replied that he

could not afford it unless the rules were changed. As payment of committee members was introduced, the Games began to generate ever-increasing amounts of money. The possibility of corruption had arrived.

Staging the Olympics had al-ways been a matter of prestige and Major Jean Drapeau of Montreal, which staged the 1976 Summer Olympics, reputedly recorded the taste in wine and sexual proclivities of IOC members.

The Olympic movement was transformed in the 1980s by the interest of the American television networks, which began competing for the rights for both winter and summer Games. The rights for the 1980 winter Olympics in Lake Placid cost £10 million. For 2002 in Salt Lake City they will cost £300 million.

When Los Angeles made a profit of £140 million the floodgates opened. Only two cities vied for the 1984 summer Games. Two years later, 12 cities wanted to hold the 1992 winter Games. For the summer Games there was a shortlist of six, and Brisbane held a lunch for IOC members that cost almost £1 million,

In 1986 the IQC limited gifts to members to a maximum of £100, so the lobbying had to be done in secret. It was complicated by the fact that the guidelines as to what and what was not permissible had never

been clearly drawn up. Members began to be offered donations to their favourite sporting charities or development projects in their countries. Some members have argued that these should be al-

For the 2000 Games, John Coates, who led the Sydney team, offered grants to the Kenyan and Ugandan committees because he feared the votes were "slipping away". Sydney beat Beijing by two votes. The Princess Royal, Dame

Mary Glen-Haig and Craig Reedie have scrupulously rep-resented Britain over the last 15 years. The Princess is celebrated for returning gifts from bidding cities, without thanks. Mr Reedie, chairman of the British Olympic Association.

said yesterday that when he voted for the 2002 winter Games, won by Salt Lake City. and the 2004 summer Games, no one tried to secure his vote. He said: "In fact, I cannot even remember someone directly



Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committe, at Lausanne yesterday

# Salt Lake City fears funds will dry up

FUNDRAISING efforts for the next Winter Olympics were in turmoil yesterday after the games chief salesman was forced to admit that major sponsors were losing confidence in the Olympic "brand" bacuse of the Salt Lake City corruption scandal. Presentations to other potential sponsors across America have been post-

BMW, the German car maker, was said to be one of two "top-tier" sponsors withholding confirmation of deals until after a report due today from the International Olympic Committee's headquarters in Lausanne. "We will know on Monday how fast we can really begin the heal-

ing process." John Krimsky, Salt Lake City's chief fundraiser said at the weekend.

Salt Lake City's Olympic fundraising ground to a halt two months ago when it became known that nearly \$500,000 in bribes and in ducements had been paid to IOC members for their votes in 1995. Claims have since emerged of additional cash payments of up to \$100,000 to some Third World members easily impressed by lavish hospitality.

The immediate result is a \$244 million shortfall in private sector funds that the city was counting on, not least to help to build an entire new ski resort in the northern Wasatch mountains for the downhill skiing events. The longterm implications are graver still, with fears mounting that the lavish corporate backing that saved the Olympic movement 15 years ago could dry up if the IOC fails to "clean house" convincingly over the next few days. ----

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Up to a dozen key sponsors have chosen to bide their time before committing millions to an event whose image may not now be rescued before it takes place. The worst fear of both Utah and IOC officials yesterday was of a counterattack by implicated IOC members. It was far from clear yesterday that all those asked to explain their conduct would go quietly. Salt Lake City still hopes to raise \$1.45 billion

in all for the 2002 games, and to earn back nearly double that. But in the world of Olympic sponsorship, hitherto one of the most lucrative corporate casinos, all bets are now off.

# Sydney organisers worry that sponsors may be put off

FROM DAVID WATTS

THE Olympic bribery scandal sent shivers through Sydney games organisers already worried about their financial viability. With sponsors worried about the tarnishing of the Olympics, there are serious concerns that the \$A230 million (about £90 million) in sponsorship that Sydney still needs to raise will not be forthcoming.

Among the sponsors whose support could melt away are such

firms as Coca-Cola. Eastman Kodak, Xerox, McDonald's and Visa. At the weekend, the Australian International Olympic Committee member. Kevan Gosper, gave warning that the controversial assistance offered to African delegates went "beyond goodwill" and could cost the city the 2000 games. However, last night he said that he had no reason to believe that the sweeteners offered to Uganda and Kenya constituted bribery:

The Australian Olympic Com-. mittee president, John Coates, had

started the flurry of concern over the Sydney games by revealing that the night before the vote to decide the venue for the 2000 games he had offered two African officials \$A50,000 each to develop sport in their countries if the Sydney bid

Sydney heat its chief rival. Beijing, in the vote by 45-43 to win the games. Mr Coates maintains that the offer was not a bribe but agrees that the inducement may well have been the turning-point. One of the men to whom he offered the mon-

ey, Charles Mukora, of Kenya, has already been identified as being sufficiently corrupt to warrant expulsion from the International Olympic Committee. The other man

was Major-General Francis-Nyangweso of Uganda; Even before the present furore, there were concerns over the loss that Sydney might suffer from the games when the federal Government refused to grant tax exempt status to many of the developments relating to their staging. The Australians' fears about the

future of the games have been heightened by calls from the rival city Manchester that they be re-sited. Graham Stringer, a former leader of Manchester City Council. and now an MP for the city, said that the IOC should "take a very serious look at whether the games can be moved from Sydney".

Mr Coates said there was no chance of Sydney losing the games ful or not — I won't know that." He though the IOC could be asked to \_\_said it was not officially sanctioned vote to re-affirm the wingers of the standard bribery but assistance to athletes.

Summer 2000 Games, the Salt's and coaches. Lake Winter 2002 Games and the Provided the Sydney a

Athens Summer Games of 2004. He said he believed that Sydney could never have won the game without offering extras but he did not know whether his inducements to the two African delegates had swung it in Sydney's favour. "Ill die not knowing if those two voted for us, or if they tell me they voted for us, whether they are truthful or not - I won't know that." He

assured plenty of goodies when they stay on the Queensland Gold Coast in the lead-up to the Olympics. They are being offered free golf games other tourist attractions, VIP transport and use of sporting facilities worth hundreds of thousands of dollars by the local authority. The Gold Coast mayor said the benefits to the area would far outweigh the costs. It was hoped that \$A5-10 million will be generated by the team's presence





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# THE TIMES MONDAY JANUARY 25 1999 Libel expert faces £45,000 unds with bill for feud with partners Carter-Ruck may seek arbitration to end seven-month dispute, reports Frances Gibb ner with the firm, said that he result not comment but the

strikes fear into writ recipients is facing a bill of tens of thouands of pounds for legal fees after failing to resolve a dis-pute with his own partners.

Peter Carter-Ruck who prides himself on his negotiating skills and a belief that one should "settle rather than sue", may be forced to go to ar-

The dispute, now seven months old, arose when the 84-year-old solicitor, a household name and the butt of innumerable Private Eye jokes, decided to end his 60 year legal career. Instead of champagne celebrations, he became. agreement and found his name removed as senior partner from the head of the firm's list of partners.

The new letterhead relegated him to founder and conltant" as if, he told friends at an founder who no longer ex-



moved from the firm's website as being involved the libel vic-tory secured for the MPs Neil Hamilton and Gerald

nence grise of the libel world continues to go into his office. handle cases and send clients the original notepaper with

believed to have run up fees of 145,000 with the country's big-gest law firm, Clifford Chance. The firm has indicated that it will charge much less than that but Mr Carter-Ruck has still been forced to change to a smaller firm of solicitors. Swepstone Walsh.

Yesterday Mr Carter-Ruck said that he could not comment on the situation but Anne-Marie Pagett, who until

ners, said that he might be forced, with reluctance, to go to arbitration.

"There are two sides to every story and I am good friends with the other partners. But Andrew Stephenson, a part-

could not comment but the partners are believed to hope that a settlement is close.

Mr Carter-Ruck had wanted to relinquish his 18 per cent stake in the firm and remain a consultant on a fixed salary of some £60,000 for three years. ners in the firm would retain his name. In return, he wanted four other solicitors on the staff to be promoted to full partnership. But the existing

partners disagreed.
That part of the dispute is believed now to have been set-tled. The only stumbling block is thought to be legal fees. It was "incredible," Ms Pagett said, that that matter was still unresoived.

This should have been a wonderful time for Peter, when he could take a slightly more back-seat role and enjoy the fruits of many years of toil," she said. After all, clients still want to speak to him and



# £2m art raiders also took £20 for petrol

ARMED robbers who stole art works valued at £2 million also took a £20 note from a gallery attendant to buy petrol for their getaway car.

The two masked men made off from York City Art Gallery £500,000, after tying up staff. order and holding them at gunpoint

The raiders cut canvasses from frames and removed 14th century painted wall-panels. When they came to make the vehicle was low on fuel. So the raiders, who called each other

niggests these two were not just happy with their hage, hand but callous as well."

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During the raid, just as the gallery was closing on Friday evaning, the thickes loaded an automatic pistol in front of the three male attendants and a em up. The staff were not in med but had to be treated for

aged as they were crudely cut from their frames in an altempt to remove them. One It-

ets. When they came to make the waters are being compiler their escape they realised their fair compiler forts and air

Bert and Tony, took the cash two life control of annels of from the wellet of one of the ar- St Peter and St Pani by Maris tendants as be lay bother and - no Di Bartolammen; two pain painted and gold panels.

the gallery said. This is the blackest day in our history." The loss of 9 of paintings and panels, and the Turner, an 1820s watercolour of the ruin of Rievauls Abbey, had left them "deviatated" He said "What has gone is preplaceable and the robbers seem to have find some kind of plan. They werk mainly for small paintings which could be easily responsed. Many are by lessand the seem of the plan. er known artists with not the most glamorous names like



The Turner watercolour, estimated to be worth 1500,000,

# Much ado about loveless 'I do'

A COUPLE who were matched by a radio station but have never met will marry today in defiance of the protests of Church leaders. Carla Germaine, 23, a mod-

el, and Greg Cordell. 28, a sales manager, won a competi-tion called Two Strangers and a Wedding. They have spoken only once, by telephone, and will meet for the first time at the civil marriage ceremony in

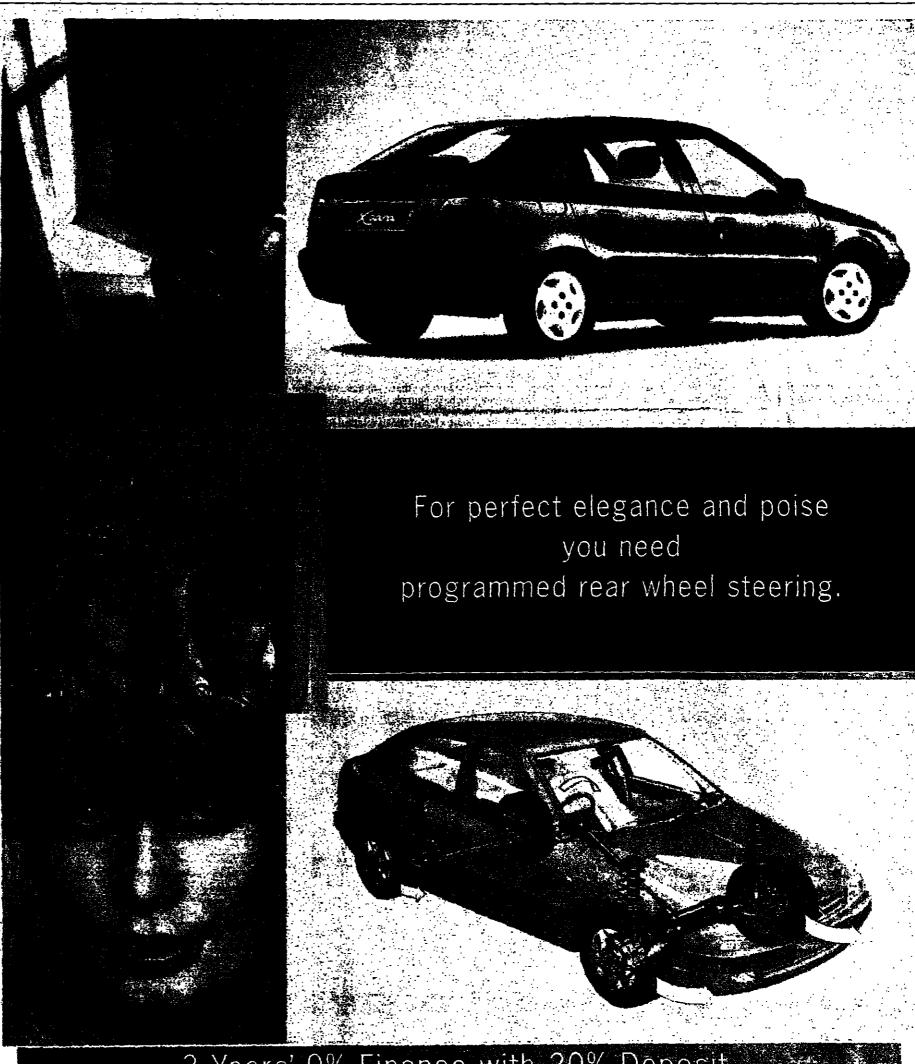
They were selected from 200 hopefuls and matched after a panel, including an astrologer and staff from the local radio station BRMB, analysed their personalities and interests. They will receive a Caribbean honeymoon and a camilside that and a sports car

BRMB said that the compe-

church leaders have urged BRMB to half the wedding. saying that it will undermine the sanctity of marriage

Bishop of Birmingham, the Rev Christma Le Moignan. from the Free Churches, told have arranged deliberately prevents the couple meeting and reduces a sacred and momentoris decision to a media event Both marriage and the human beings involved are too important to be manipulat-

MPs and the marriage guidance group Relate have also B said that the compe-Rudman, a spokesman for was an experiment BRMB, said that Mr Cordell. and Miss Germaine were free ranged marriage traditional to change their minds "right



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# **HOME NEWS** Bloody reality of Ulster beatings

AFTER 21 years as an ambulance-man in northwest Belfast, Laurence Robertson has probably attended more victims of "punishment beatings" and kneecappings than anyone else in Northern Ireland.

He has been called out hundreds of times from the Ardoyne ambulance station, which is between the loyalist Shankill and republican Ardoyne areas of the city, to treat those attacked on waste ground or in back alleys by paramilitary thugs who use naked terror to control their housing estates. The stories you hear in the back of an ambulance are unbelievable," Mr Robertson

He talked in chilling detail about a barbaric practice so common in Northern Ireland that most mutilation attacks warrant only a couple of paragraphs in the local press. never get used to it. You can't. Every Martin Fletcher speaks to an ambulanceman who has treated many of the victims

jumped out with masks and hurling being. Its not just another statistic, "he said. "I've had my fill of them." sticks and went into the house. The hall light went on. We heard bangs The paramilitaries often summon and thumps and screams. The guys jumped in the cars and sped off. A the ambulances and wait till they hear the sirens before kneecapping girlfriend came out screaming and their victims. That way the victims

do not die if the bullets hit an artery. we went in." The victims may be summoned to On one occasion when Mr Robertbe kneecapped and duly present son's ambulance was called to a themselves because the alternative shooting off the Antrim Road, "as is exile — or worse. "They are told: "We want you here 9.00 tomorrow we came into the street a man approached with a mask and his hand night. We're only going to do one in his breast-pocket and said: 'Just drive around the block.' We heard leg. If you don't show up we will get you tomorrow or next week but we the bang. When we came back there will get you. They go because they live in the community, have lived On another occasion his ambuthere all their lives and their familance was summoned to a punish-

lies live there." Some kneecappings lead to permanent disablement or death but most of the victims are shot through the

calf or thigh and suffer little longterm damage. Mr Robertson, 42, says: "If someone came up and said you can have five men with sticks or a gun i would say: shoot me. I would take my chance. Some of these beatings are absolutely horrific."

in "crucifixions" the victim is tied to railings, upside down and spread-eagled, and beaten mercilessly. Mr Robertson has seen men with multiple fractures to their legs and arms requiring plates, pins and screws. There have been thousands of mu-

ulation attacks during the Troubles. The Beliast human rights group Families Against Intimidation and Terror has recorded 1.076 by loyalist and republican paramilitaries since

1993. Many more go unreported. Locals call the paramilitaries the "hairy men " or " the circuit judge ".

as in "the circuit judge has been out again tonight, said Mr Robertson, and the attacks have been tolerated by the communities involved. They usually occur in areas where the police have lost control and the victims are generally reckoned to have been

drug dealers, joyriders or petty thieves who deserved to be punished. That may be starting to change, thanks to recent cases where the victims were patently innocent and they or their relatives dared to speak out. Increasingly the paramilitaries

out. Increasingly the paramultaries are seen not as a policing force but groups seeking power and money.

Last April an IRA gang looking for a child molester broke into the proper flat and shot an elderly man wrong flat and shot an elderly man through both knees and ankles. Three months later Andrew Kearney, 33, bled to death in a block of

flats after his kneecappers ripped out the telephone and jammed the lift doors. He had dared stand up to the IRA's North Belfast commander. Last week The Times reported the

case of Andrew Peden, a Belfast father who had both legs amputated; after being kneecapped by the Ulster Volunteer Force for giving a lift to a friend from a rival loyalist group. You never approved of these attacks but you felt the victims had done something," said his wife, who has now unterly changed her opinion. They are judge, jury and executioner," Mr Peden said.

"Nobody deserves to be shot or beaten to a pulp by a mob of masked men." Mr Robertson said. The law is there to deal with joyriders or breaking into old people's houses and taking £10. Some are picked out by word of mouth and totally innocent. Some are 16, 17 or 18-year-olds. Some are absolutely tragic."

# NEWS IN BRIEF Boy aged three saves

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brother A three-year-old boy with sus-pected autism saved his brother's life. William and Edward Miles were playing in their garden when 20-month-old Edward fell into a 4ft-deep pond.

William, who has difficulty speaking, ran indoors to their mother. Kate. She thought that he wanted to play but by shouting and tugging her clothes he alerted her to Ed-ward's plight. "He was lifeless and timp when I got him out but then he opened his mouth to breathe," said Mrs Miles. 30. of Ipswich. The boy was treated in hospital for the boy was treated in bospital for a night.

# Wight tax plan

The Isle of Wight is to consider charging tourists a landing tax of 50p a vehicle to help to reduce the E2 million budget deficit that the council expects next year. More than one million people visit the island eve-

### Cocaine seizure

Customs officers seized 22kg of cocaine, believed to be worth up to £2.5 million, at Gatwick Airport. Charles Me-Leod, 31, and Denise Lamberte 30, are to appear before Crave ley magistrates today charge with importing drugs.

### Whisky galore

A pub landlord on the Island of Muli claims to have found the oldest bottle of mait whisky in existence. Robert Mac-Leod, 47, discovered the bottle of 1869 Old Tobermory at the back of his family run bar.He is not planning to sell.

### Hot headed

Firefighters called by a concerned resident to a fire on the flat roof of a house in Brighton, East Sussex, found that it was a fire-eater practising his act. A brigade spokesman said: "We've never come across anything quite like that."

## **Buried ambition**

Geoff Smith, 37, who set a record by living underground for 147 days, emerged from the garden of the Railway Inn in Mansfield, Nottingham-shire, and said: "I'll not be buried again until I'm carried away in my real coffin."

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# **Wedding** joy for Omagh bomb victim

By Melissa Kite

A VICTIM of the Omagh bomb is to marry the English boyfriend that she had met only once before he rushed to her bedside as she lay badly injured.

Sandy Smith, 23, and Mark Blackwell had kept in touch by phone after meeting on holiday. After hearing she had been injured in the bombing on August 15 last year. Mr Blackwell, 31, from Lancaster, travelled to Ireland and kept a bedside vigil in the intensive care unit at the Erne Hospital in Co Tyrone.

It was there that he proposed on bended knee. They plan to marry on June 25, exactly a year after they met in Devon. "I'd never been to Northern Ireland but I just had to get to Sandy." Mr Blackwell said.

"I grabbed one change of clothes and my friends lent me the money. I only intended staying for two weeks. But I realised I loved Sandy so much that I couldn't leave

Miss Smith. who suffered severe shrapnel injuries and whose left leg is paralysed from the knee, said that she

hoped their story would give hope to other victims. "It shows that love can conquer evil and that, with the courage and the will to live, you can have a new future. Mark has been my strength, he has en-couraged me throughout to be positive and count my bless-

was this guy lying in the road."

ment beating near the Ballymurphy

estate. "We pulled into a dark street

Miss Smith's best friend, Julia Hughes, 2i, was one of the 29 people killed in the Real IRA bombing. They were standing just loft from where the bomb went off.

Counsellors are helping her come to terms with the mental trauma. "I am not the person I was before August last year." she said. "I can't be my old self. I am always depending on other people to do things for me that I should be able to do for myself.

It's very hard to get used to. I used to love the gym. now I can barely walk. But you have to accept it has hap-pened and life won't ever be the same again.
"I've cried bucketfuls every

single day. I'm still grieving for Julie. But you have to accept it is not the end of every-thing."/PA



Sandy Smith and her fiance. Mark Blackwell: the couple had met only once, on holiday, before Miss and her fiance in the bombing



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tant 13th-century diptych have been reunited after centuries. thanks to a chance discovery. thanks to a chance discovery. The owners of the separate pieces, which depict Christ and the Madouma, had no idea that they had come from a diptych. But the tink was discovered when the owner of the left wing sent photographs to an art expert.

Joanna Cannon carried the photographs around in her hag for more than a month be-cause they intrigued her. One day, while working on some-thing else, she sumbled across a photograph of the

right wing in a book.
"I realised this must be the other half. Then, because I had a photograph of the back of the panel and a description of the other back, I was able to

Cannon: carried photos in her bag for a month

A rare diptych is back in one piece after an expert finds the missing.

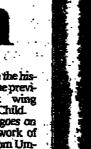
link, reports **Dalya Alberge** 

march them up. I could see match up. And I had the measurements. They fitted. I realised they went together," Dr Cannon, a lecturer in the history of art at the Courtauld Institute in London, said.

The link was confirmed by the tooled decoration, which is unusually dense. "Seeing the two tegether is incredibly excit-ing. They obviously belong, and look wonderful together,"

The National Gallery per suaded the owners to part with them, allowing them in be joined together again in a

E480,000 purchase.
Dillian Gordon, the gal-lery's early Italian curator, said: This is a thrilling discovery." The right wing of the dip tych depicts Christ as The Man of Sorrows, after his removal from the cross. Ms Gor don said that it had "long been recognised as being one of the earliest surviving examples of



ample of a key image in the history of Western art." The previously unknown left wing shows the Virgin and Child.

The diptych, which goes on display today, is the work of an unknown master from Umbris and has been dead in bria and has been dated to about 1260. The Man of Sor-rows half was in the Stocket private collection in Brussels. The owner of the Virgin and Child half was simply curious when he wrose to the Coursuld, and had not considered selling it. "But both owners could see the appeal of it being linked

lington Magazine. Dr Gordon added: "We have very few 13th-century paintings. The diptych offered a rare ing of this date of high quality and in such good condition."

up," said Dr Camon, whose

study of the painting will be published in next month's Bur-



The similarities of the two panels were obvious from the front, and hinge marks on the back confirmed that they had once been joined

# Air photos may save dream home

COUPLE are hoping that RAF aerial photographs can help them to fight a council or-

John and Julie Mitchell have been ordered to knock rage and a games room, that was already built on to the home they bought from an estate agent last summer.

They have been told by East Hampshire District Council that it had been in dispute with the former owner of the property in Kingsley, near Bordon, Hampshire, over the

Their lawyer says that he has now discovered that the cottage was built on land formerly belonging to the Minis-

tographs showed the extenfour year cut-off point at which a council could serve

have inherited a house with nothing we can do.

To keep the exension the Mitchells will have to prove it-was completed when they say

t was." Mrs. Mitchell said: "The whole thing has been horrendous. All we want to do is keep the house as it is. We bought it because it had every thing we wanted."





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# We don't need Lib Dems, says Prescott

JOHN PRESCOTT dismissed the need for further links between Labour and the Liberal Democrats yesterday, saying that the party did not need help from anyone else to achieve its manifesto commitments.

His comments came as Paddy Ashdown, the outgoing Liberal Democrat leader, predicted that his party would have ministers in a Labour government after the next election and that his successor would maintain co-operation with the La-

A BBC poil of 196 Liberal Democrat chairmen appeared to endorse that view, with 50 per cent supporting the existing arrangements, 31 per cent wanting further ties and 14 per cent against links.

But Mr Prescott's remarks will fuel existing tensions among Labour MPs about whether the co-opera-tion between the two parties should Remarks highlight existing tensions between Labour MPs, reports Jill Sherman

be extended, and underlines his rift - could be one area of common with the Prime Minister over the issue. At a meeting with Tony Blair last week several senior backbenchers expressed their concern about further collaboration with the Liberal Democrats and Mr Blair was said to have assured them that no new steps would be taken without consulting the party.

Downing Street has since denied that that was ever said and yesterday officials confirmed that Jack Cunningham, the Cabinet enforcer, and Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrat deputy leader, would be meeting this week to discuss areas of further co-operation. A Downing Street spokesman refused to be drawn on the detail but it has been suggested ground. "There will be an extension of co-operation but we haven't said in what areas," the spokesman said. Mr Prescott, the Deputy Prime

Minister, yesterday made a number of disparaging remarks about the Liberal Democrats, claiming there was no need for "anybody else" to help Labour to create a better Britain. He said that Labour had a majority of 170 and could carry out its pledges on its own and that he had no interest in who succeeded Mr

Mr Prescott also dismissed hopes expressed by Lord Jenkins of Hillhead, a Liberal Democrat peer, that the two parties would unite to dominate the next century. "Roy Jenkins has gone through more political parties that I've had dinners," he said jokingly. But Mr Ashdown used an interview with BBC1's Breakfast with Frost to suggest much closer links between the two parties. "The Liberal Democrats, over the past year, have moved from a party of protest to a party of power," he said.

The final threshold that takes the Liberal Democrat party into government I think we now leave to my successor. Probably after the next election the Liberal Democrats will move into government."

Mr Ashdown said that his party would, under its new leader, carry on working with Labour to intro-duce "those reforms and modernisations which our country can benefit from". He insisted that the links would continue because the Prime Minister was determined to keep them and they were in the interests

of both parties. "We have been working on this, Mr Blair and I, for four or five years," Mr Ashdown said, likening the initial dialogue to a besitant

crossing across a rope bridge. "That rope bridge has now been replaced by a multilane highway." he said, with several ministers taking part in cross-party talks with Liberal Democrats. He insisted that 80 per cent of party members support-

ed the links with Labour Mr Ashdown also let slip that he was expecting his successor to be a Scot. Asked by Sir David Frost about who Rory Bremner would now have to impersonate. Mr Ashdown said they would have a

"Scotch" accent. The three potential candidates known to be considering standing who would lit that bill are Charles Kennedy, Menzies Campbell and Malcolm Bruce. Nick Harvey, the MP for North Devon, who

is said by some quarters to be favoured by the leader, is not a Scot.

Mr Harvey: whose campaign is the most organised, suffered a setback when the BBC poll of chairmen put him in fourth position. Of the 87 who wished to comment, 36 favoured Charles Kennedy. 22 Menzies Campbell, 17 Simon Hughes and only four Mr Harvey. Mr Harvey's supporters said their man needed to develop his public profile and that as campaigns manager he would have a good chance to do so in the coming months.

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Robinson: row ended

# Robinson expected to quit at next election

BY ROLAND WATSON POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

FRIENDS of Geoffrey Robinson, the former Paymas-ter General, expect him to bow out of politics at the next election.

Mr Robinson, who enmonths in government, is to meet his constituency party for the first time this week since his resignation at Christmas.

. The millionaire businessman has been non-committal about his future and is expected to deflect questions about whether he intends to stand for his Coventry North West seat again.

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Local party members believe it is merely a matter of time before he announces he is standing down. Mr Robinson, 60, will have held the seat for 25 years by the time of the next election.

He came to political prominence only recently as patron and supporter of Gordon Brown, the Chancellor. His decision to quit the Treasury after enduring relentless scrutiny of his business past, and links to the late tycoon Robert Max-well, has ensured an end to his career in government.

With more than two years to the likely date of the next election, local party chiefs do not expect such an tent. Support for Mr Robinson remains high within his constituency.

Bill Thomson, chairman of Labour's Coventry North West constituency party. said the £373,000 loan to Peter Mandelson was not an issue locally. He reflected, however, local uncertainty about Mr Robinson's future. He said: 'As far as we are concerned he's still our MP. But people are entitled to change their mind."

# Disco-dance MP faces big contest with flare

By Mark Inglefield, political reporter

say if he will run in the Liberal Democrat leadership contest, but this has not stopped the MP from considering two important points: will his passion for groovy nightclubs or his preferred mode of transport, a canary-yellow London taxi, wreck his chances?

"It may be that if I became party leader I would have to give up the taxi," he concedes. And the clubs? Mr Hughes. 47, is a devotee of Starsky and Hutch, a 1970s retro hangout in South London which encourages its clientele to don flared trousers. "A little innocent club music does nobody any harm," he says, "But it's probably regarded as more appropriate for the twenty- and thirtysomethings than the fortysomethings."

Mr Hughes, MP for Southwark and Bermondsey, made these observations in Paris at dressed 3,000 sixth-formers

SIMON HUGHES will not say if he will run in the Liber- the line agreed by all the would-be candidates - not to come out fighting until Mr Ashdown steps down in the phoney war will ensue for the next six months.

"Everyone will be watching if we put in a good perform-ance in the Commons or on television, and every time we do they'll say, 'We know why they're doing that'."

At the moment, all is calm. The five hopefuls have met and agreed that the leadership contest should be a gentlemanly affair. "We can only try and I hope that it will be," Mr Hughes says. The next step would be to reach an agreement that none of us would say anything negative about anybody else. That would be an extremely good break-

It looks set to be a tough battle According to the poll of the party's local chairmen. Mr Hughes is in third place, be-



Simon Hughes with sixth-formers at the "Your Future in Europe" conference in Paris. He hopes that the leadership contest will be gentlemanly

hind Charles Kennedy and Menzies Campbell. The other contenders are Nick Harvey and Malcolm Bruce. The crucial issue will be whether Mr Ashdown's collaboration policy with Labour should be extended, or drawn back. Mr

back wing of the party. "Most of the collaboration so far has been to implement what we agreed before the last election," he says. "Like the others, I'm going to respect the line between what I may say in June or July if I was to

now about what we're doing." Mr Hughes entered Parliament in 1983, beating Labour's candidate, Peter Tatchell, the homosexual rights compaigner, in a by-election. He is currently the party spokesman on health and uran policy. Before becoming an MP he was an employcountering another lawyer, Tony Blair. "We used to have

the occasional drink, but we weren't great friends," he says. He is a helpful person, an at-tribute he displayed as we travelled back to London on Eurostar. He promised a horde of rowdy photocopy salesmen from Kent (who were celebrating a good month) that he would look into how they could pitch for a

mons. He also said that he would assist a waiter with a degree in journalism to get a job. "You can make connections for people if you're an MP" he said

· Mr Hughes commends Paddy Ashdown as a leader, but es not want his end ment as a preferred candidate. "I can't imagine the party would take kindly to it and I can't imagine it would be very helpful to any person who featured in that."

One of the reasons why Mr Hughes is careful about discussing the leadership job is that he is the party's most likely candidate for the mayorship of London. "In a way, no-body would be wise to make a decision about whether they want to be a candidate now be-

cause six months down the

track goodness knows what the political landscape will look like." Of the five likely candidates.

only one, Mr Campbell, is married. "Leaders over the years have been married and unmarried. I don't think it's a He does not mind that his life would be placed under scrutiny as leader, which he

concedes can be a nightmare" job. "You have to go to the party saying, "Look, I don't think there are any skeletons in the cupboard that would be a problem for the party."

Could Starsky and Hutch prove an embarrassment?"All I can say is that there are neople considerably older than me there. And I don't go on my own. That would be a very sad state of affairs."

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# Hurd aide picked to advise Blair

A Tory right-hand man is moving to No 10, writes Valerie Elliott

A DIPLOMAT who was Doug-las Hurd's closest confidant was from the Foreign Office: during his period as Foreign Secretary is to become Tony Blair's foreign affairs adviser.
John Sawers, 43, the politi-

cal counsellor at the Washing-ton Embassy, met Mr Blair briefly in November. He joins the Downing Street 15-hour-aday treadmill next month when John Holmes, the offi-cial described as Mr Blair's "security blanker", becomes Ambassador to Lisbon.

Mr Sawers will be the FO's eyes and ears inside No 10. He has been closely involved in the trag conflict and while working for Douglas Hurd was in a group developing Northern Ireland policy for John Major, He will not, however, assume Mr Holmes's role as the Prime Minister's principal private secretary. That will be taken by Jeremy Heywood, who will also be "sherpa" for the Prime Minister at the G8 economic summit.

It is understood that Mr Blair chose Mr Sawers not just for his intellect and reputation for hard work but because he would fit in with the private office team, headed by Jonathan Powell. Mr Powell and Alastair Campbell, the Prime Minister's spokesman, both in-

terviewed Mr Sawers. Mr Sawers is probably one of the most "classless" of FO staff. One former colleague said: "When you meet him,

His rise is purely meritocratic and he has not relied on any old boy network." The son of a Rolls-Royce engineer, Mr Sawers went to grammar school in Baih and studied physics and philosophy at Nottingham University. He stayed on for a fourth year to be secretary of the student union but unto the the student union but was not elected on a party political ticket.

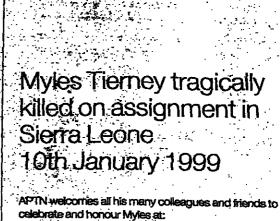
According to another diplomat, Mr Sawers is unflappabie but can also be "heretical" in his policy ideas — a feature particularly appreciated by Lord Hurd of Westwell. They got on so well that they used to go for early morning swims to-gether when attending meet-

ings abroad.

Mr Sawers was particularly involved in the intense negotiation of the Maastricht treaty and getting the Bill through Parliament. He also had a key role on policy in Bosnia, where the Government tried to achieve a balance between alleviating conflict and ensuring humanitarian relief.

Like Mr Blair. Mr Sawers is a strong family man. His wife, Shelley, is an actress turned teacher, and they have two sons and a daughter, Oliver, 15. Sam. 13, and Corinne, 11. He was a member of the La-

bour Party in the 1970s and was an early member of the SDP, but has not been involved in party politics since.



The Africa Centre, 38 Kings Street, Covent Garden WC2 on Thursday 28th January at 6pm.



ON HMS NORPOLK

Robins

DRYING pannies have re-placed pin-ups in HMS Nor-folk's cabins. The swearing of sailors is also part of a van-ished past. For the ship carrying the battle honours for the sinking of the Bismarck-and now patrolling the coast of Sierra Leone is run by a corps of women officers in their twenties backed by others manning the weapons and controlling

the ship's engines.

The Norfolk, a 4,000-tonne frigate armed with a 4.5 in gun, and a bewildering array of missiles, has been transformed by the arrival of the officers and ratings. among the first allowed to go to sea since the Royal Navy changed centuries of tradition



Dartmouth 12 years ago we were taught things like what sort of make-up to wear and were ordered not to run in uniform because it was undignified." said the senior woman on board, Lieutenant-Com-

mander Allison Towler, 34. Now the officer who is in charge of boarding other vessels during searches for smuged arms, sanctions busting in Iraci waters or drugs in the

rings and a bob. Lieutenant Karen Hibberd, 24, who was among the first ten women to go to sea as a Royal Navy officer, commands the boarding nearn who "get fully gurmed up" and absell down ropes from a Lynx helicopter hover-

Looking towards Preetown across waters polluted by the bodies of the victims of weeks of fighting and rebel atrocities which were continuing in the Hibberd spotted a body bleached white by days in the sea. "We had a keg go by this morning," she said.

All three of the ship's watch officers, including Lieutenant Hübberd, who are responsible for the day-to-day command of the bridge, are trained to use everything from a pistol to the



Royal Navy lieutenants Karen Hibberd, right, and Nicola Tregassis on the bridge of HMS Norfolk on patrol off the coast of Sierra Leone

es. Until 1991 they would have Navy is to be at sea, not sitting been banned from wearing trousers and confined to desk

There would have been no point joining up then. The whole point of being in the

at a desk doing the same thing as a civilian but earning half as much," said Lieutenant Andrea McEwan. Now we are part of a sailor's job that is closed to us."

"The women on board have had a civilising influence. The Norfolk has a squeaky clean record. Even ashore there are

enness or violent behaviour,"

too," said Li-Cmdr Towler.
Yesterday the Norfolk sur-Lieutenant Hibberd said. Intimacy between the 163 Lieutenant Emma men and the 22 women on the Knight, 26, arrived in Free-Norfolk is barred by a rule town escorted by Royal Mawhich forbids anything more

# Scientists 'could create artificial life in ten years'

SCIENTISTS believe it might be possible within a decade to create artificial life, the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Anaheim, California, was told yesterday.

A simple organism could be created piece by piece, assembling the genes in the right order from knowledge gained by analysing the simplest of free living organisms. The result would be a stripped down and entirely man-made version of a parasite commonly

found in the human body. This Frankenstein possibility was raised by Dr Craig Ven-He said he believed the experiment was possible, but that he

#### Stinging cure

A giant scorpion could pro-vide a new way to treat a brain tumour (Nigel Hawkes writes). The turn in the scorpion's venom, designed to paralyse the creature's prey.
is able to seek out certain cancerous, Dr Harald Southeimer, of the University of Alahama, said. He has tested venom from an Israeli scorpion in test tubes and on mice.

would not go ahead until full consideration had been given to the ethical implications.

Dr Venter is well known in the genetic community for developing a rapid system for discovering the sequences of the four basic letters in the genetic alphabet that make up the genes. The ultimate aim is to produce a full sequence of all 80.000 human genes, but 20 simpler organisms have already been sequenced, including a number of parasites and bacteria, such as those responsible for causing TB and stomach uicers.

The idea of creating life comes from experiments de-signed to identify the smallest number of genes that any freeliving creature needs to survive. Dr Venter, of Celera Ge-

nomics Corporation, believe that about 300 genes is the least possible. He reached this conclusion from comparisons of the complete sequences of plasma genitalium and Myco

talium, which is found in the human genitary tract but which is not known to cause any disease. It has 470 genes, about 200 less than pneumoni ae, which is found in the respiratory tract and can cause

Ima series of experiments in which genes are knocked ours and the effect on the organism ed, Dr Venter and his colleagues are seeking to identify how many genes are needed for an organism of this sort to keep itself alive and functioning, and what they are Once this is known, it might be possible to assemble the entire genome from the four basic chemicals, put together in the right order to make up the backbone of the man-made organism's DNA

To create an organism, it would also be necessary to enclose the genes in a cell, either by using a cell emptied of its own DNA, or by creating an artificial cell by wrapping lipids (fats) around the manmade DNA to form a simple cell membrane. Dr Venter said he would not attempt it unless, after careful consideration, a committee of experts agreed that the benefits of creating life exceeded the risks.

He has put the idea to a high-level group of scientists. ethicists and churchmen at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia So far the group hasn't come up with any religious objections," he said. "It would be extremely difficult, and it is not clear that it is do able, but I think public discussion of the issue is worthwhile in any case. It gets down to the fundamental definitions

of what life is." He said that the danger with the technology is that it might be misused to create biological weapons, but the posi-tive side is potentially greater.

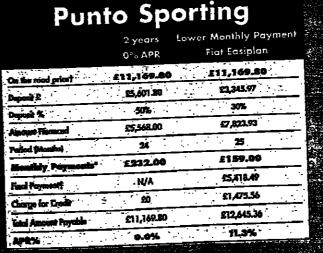
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# Garden of Eden was in Ethiopia'

GENETIC studies sugges that the Garden of Eden was in Ethiopia or Somalia, the American Association for the Advancement of Science has been told (Nigel Hawkes

A team led by Dr Sarah Tishkoff of Pennsylvania University looked at DNA samples from 18 African populations and 45 populations from elsewhere in the world. They found much greater diversity in African populations, which is consistent with mankind in Africa having evolved for a longer period - and thus having started earlier - than populations elsewhere.

A closer look at the data sug-gests that groups that left Africa and populated the rest of the world came from Ethiopia and Somalia:



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# Le Pen fury as his party splits le la tête

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

THE French National Front ruptured yesterday into bitterly antagonistic halves, accompanied by a level of acrimony rare even for Europe's largest extreme right-wing party.

Bruno Mégret, the former deputy head of the party who is fighting to oust its veteran leader. Jean-Marie Le Pen, was elected president of the breakaway National Front-National Movement (Mouvement National) at an extraordinary congress in the southern lar-right stronghold of Marignane. completing a breach open for six weeks and simmering for years.

About 17,000 of the party's 40,000 members signed petitions in favour of holding the congress, which was boycotted by M Le Pen and which he dismissed as an assembly of "Lilliputians" a reference to M Megret's diminutive stature.

gret's diminutive stature.

M Mégret's challenge to M
Le Pen has left both sides
straining their vocabularies in
search of the most offensive



Megret hails launch of his new far-right group

insults. The Mégretists condemned M Le Pen's backers as parasites and compared their 70-year-old chief to a cult leader drunk with power. To symbolise what they insist is M Le Pen's irrelevance, they appointed him to the mocking title of "honorary president" of the National Front-National Movement in recognition of

M Le Pen, a dah hand at trading unpleasant remarks, came out marginally ahead in the vituperation stakes, describing M Mégret as a "psychopath", "paranoid" and "fraud", surrounded by "a tiny clan of conspirators".

"There is only one National Front," he thundered, "And that is the one I created nearly 30 years ago."

The first major test of the balance of power between the rival groups will come with the European elections in June, when the "Lepenist" and "Mégretist" parties will mount rival campaigns and slates of candidates. In the meanime, there is likely to be a vicious legal fight over the National Front's assets, including the party name, insignia, bank accounts and property.

The split within the xenophobic anti-immigrant party is over practical political strategy and personality differences rather than ideology. Where M Le Pen is determined to avoid diluting his extremism (and personal cachet) by alliances with more mainstream



A protester in Marignane mocks the far-right National Front for "losing its head"

right-wing groups, the younger man believes that the National Front's route to power is through strategic and prag-

matic electoral deals.

M Mégret, 48, enjoys support among the younger and

richer members, and just under half the membership has given him its backing. But polls show that M Le Pen retains the loyalty of the majority of National Front voters. The split has divided the par-

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ty at every level, including the domestic. M Le Pen's daughter, Marie-Caroline, has sided with the Megretists along with her husband, taking up a leadership role in the party seeking to remove her father.

A funeral in
Berlin lays
rogues to rest

ommy Turnschuh, wearing his distinctive tramers below a natty charcoal suit, threw some banknotes on Franky's coffin and then the other mourners filed past the open grave tossing in roses, cuddly toys and even a packet of condoms.

Berlin's wide-boy milieu — boxers with canliflower cars, nightclub bosses, a racing driver, a champagne salesman, some expensively dressed policemen and many chemically blonde women young enough to have been Franky's mistresses — was saying farewell not only to a big, glossy, Runyonesque character but to its own precanous place in the city's social pecking order.

Franky, the Curry Wurst King, was 58 when he died. A cigarette ignited the large round bed in his Ku damm flat the flames spread to the curtains and left him no chance. We had met in the early 1980s while I was on a trip out of martial-law Poland to buy light bulbs and lavatory paper. Franky Leh-mann had just sold seven sausage stands and knew more than most people about how Turkish fastfood kiosks and doner kebabs were displacing Wurst as the German national

It seemed like a good story. He could not stand the idea of eating Wurst socially and he was not sure that he wanted to be seen in public with a journalist, and so we snacked on the top floor of the Harrodslike KadeWe department store, a sky-lir hell that plays piped birdsong and serves cold eggs-

serves cold eggs.
Nothing of substance emerged. Franky was obviously disappointed that I was a man — he had somehow got the impression that Roger was a woman's name — and unless I too had grasped the wrong end of the stick, he appeared to be offering me money not to write this rather peripheral story.

pheral story.

Such occasions are rather rare in a foreign correspondent's career (even for those of us who have served in Rome and Moscow) and the moment slipped away. Words were written, copy was cut. life moved on.

For Franky, too. He had made the curry wurst — sau-

made the entry worst — sausage sliced up and smothered with yellow sauce — socially attractive. At the far end of the Kurdamm. Franky's Curry Station dished the meat to Frank Sinatra, Telly Savalas and Brigitte Nielsen.

But Franky realised there was more to life than push-

INSIDE GERMANY



BY ROGER BOYES

ing pork and he bought into the slot-machine parlour business. This business placed him in tricky company. The big-time owner of various Hamburg brothels became a friend (his absence from the funeral last week was bitterly noted by Tommy Turnschuh, so did Rolf Eden, the closest West Berlin ever had to a playboy.

West Bertiners used to like these rags to riches stories and the city admired lovable rogues (who were in truth merely bullies with style) and that may explain why over 500 turned up at the Heerstrasse cemetry.

Although I'm no fan of

Although I'm no tan of funerals, I went too, squeezing past the Jaguars and Corvettes. Why was the funeral important? Because one of the defining elements of Berlin — its homegrown mobsters, fences and fixers — has given way to imported organised crime.

ussians are bringing huge sums into the city. Romanians and Bulgarians supply the brothels. Chechens, Kosovans and Kurds transfer fighting skills to drug turf wars. Some neighbourhoods are no-go areas for the police. A patrol was beaten up the other night for trying to stop a hrawl in the Neu-Kölln district. Fifty. Turks set upon it shouting: "These are our streets."

These are our streets."

This is not Franky's world, full of complex criminal protocol. His city has changed; it is less of a club. The police are not as bent as 20 years ago and are better educated, yet the crime rate is far, far ways.

rate is far, far worse.

The old back-scratching deals with Allied quartermasters are a thing of the past. A competitive city press keeps politicians on a short leash. The criminal heart of Berlin has shifted eastwards. Berliners still do not want to accept the metamorphosis of their city.

morphosis of their city.
As usual, they prefer to cling on to a myth and treat Franky as the last, perhaps the very last, of the onceand-future capital's subterranean heroes.

Bonn rejects waste compensation call

Boan: Gerhard Schröder, the Chancellor, said yesterday that Germany would reject compensation demands from France or Britain over its decision to cancel nuclear waste treatment contracts worth billions of pounds.

billions of pounds.

Herr Schröder said in a television interview that Germany was making a sovereign decision to eliminate nuclear energy and that there was no legal foundation for demands from France and Britain over their loss of business processing German waste.

"Every government has that right," he added, "We want to get out of nuclear energy." Bonn intends to close its 19 nuclear power plants and ban the export of nuclear waste for reprocessing. Germany has to waste-reprocessing centres. The row has soured relations between Germany and

its main European Union part-

bolds the EU presidency.
France and Britain have told Germany it would be breaking legal agreements if it tears up the contracts. The French company Cogéma stands to lose £3.2 billion and British Nuclear Fuels would lose £1.2 billion. (Reuters)

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# Serbs release guerrillas in hostage swap

NINE ethnic Albanian separatists were freed by the Serbian authorities over the weekend in a hostage swap that is likely to enrage raticals in the Bel-grade Government because it enhances the bargaining pow-ers of the Kosovo Liberation

Army. William Walker, the senior international monitor in the province, while welcoming the releases as a confidence-building measure, issued a warning against a spare of tit-for-tat kidnappings. He said members of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe mission in Kosovo witnessed the releases.

The KLA freed five elderly Serbs it seized on Thursday almost simultaneously as the Albanians were set free on Saturday afternoon.

The release of the nine Albanians was conducted in secret with the Yugoslav Govern-ment denying any such deal. Aides of Mi Walker refused to be drawn on how separatist insurgents, who would normally face a 20-year jail term, are now at liberty. The OSCE downplayer any link between



ka Bigovic, who gave statements that smacked heavily of state propaganda, said: They told us We are terrorists. We

are the KLA". She added: They said this is not Yugosla-

via but their land, Albania." Mrs Bigovic said her husband, Miodrag, had been ab-

ducted at a nearby electricity distribution station where he

worked and escorted to Nevoljane. There was a knock at

the door, and Miodrag said he

was back. It wasn't his normal

time. It was II o'clock at night.

I opened the door and saw

him covered in blood. They

had his hands tied behind his

back and I was forced to go to

the neighbours' houses and

open their doors," she said.

ter this?" she asked.

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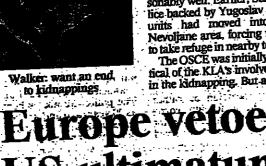
At least two of the released prisoners planned to return to the fighting as soon as possible. This is not a crime, this is fighting for the freedom of our country," said Azem Suma, 26.

The nine, among whom was a 17-year-old girl, were part of a group of KLA guerrillas who attempted to cross the border from Albania near the British monitoring base of Prizren in December. They ran into a Yugoslav army ambush in which 36 of their colleagues were killed. The nine were imprisoned in Nis, central Serbia, and were denied access to the observers and international

The KLA had demanded their release in return for eight Yugoslav army conscripts it freed under intense OSCE pressure two weeks ago. But the furore over the Racak massacre and the subsequent threats of Nato airstrikes appeared to have scuppered all hopes of their freedom. The KLA raised the stakes last Thursday by kidnapping the five Serbs, all aged between 60 and 70, from Nevoljane, a village near the northern Kosovo town of Mitrovica.

Yesterday the five said they had no clues as to where they were held captive, but added that they had been treated reasonably well. Earlier, Serb police backed by Yugoslav army units had moved into the Nevoljane area, forcing many to take refuge in nearby towns.

The OSCE was initially sceptical of the KLA's involvement



# Europe vetoes US ultimatum to Milosevic

BRITAIN and other Europe an members of Nato have vetoed an American proposal to issue President Milosevic with a 96-hour ultimatum this week, forcing him to comply with a long list of demands over Kosovo or face airstrikes. Under pressure from the Europeans the US has agreed to give diplomatic efforts one more chance before consider-ing an attimatum

Washington has also been persuaded to reduce the "shopping list; of demands to just a few fundamental issues. Such as the withdrawal of most of the Serb troops and police in

Nato diplomatic sources said that the Americans had included a whole range of de-mands in their draft ultimainm, including access for the international war crimes tribunal and the setting up a ra-

6 If Belgrade did not comply with all the demands, Nato would

have to bomb?

ito station for the Kosovo erificationemission.
One source said: That yould mean that if Milosevic failed to comply with all the demands. Nato would be obliged to launch airstrikes, and I don't think anyone in the alliance would want to bomb if Milosevic refused to set up a radio station for the

verification team." The Americans have agreed that further thought should be given to the wording of the ltimatum and that it should be shelved until the six-nation Contact Group has exhausted all diplomatic efforts to resolve the crisis in Kosovo. The Contact Group met in London on Friday and demanded an end to all offensive actions in Kosovo, the safe return home of displaced

ethnic Albanians - co-operation with the war crimes tribu-nal and early negotiations on a political settlement.

Another meeting of the Contact Group has been set for Friday, also to be held in London, to coincide with the arrival of Madeleine Albright, the US Secretary of State. She is spending this week talking with Russian officials about Kosovo and other matters.

The European members of Nato felt it would be mapping priate to issue Belgrade with an airstrikes ultimatum this week while talks were under

way with the Russians.
One Nato diplomatic source said: "Russia is against ultimatums and is opposed to ainstrikes, and there is no point in deliberately antago-nising Moscow while there is still a chance the Russians might play a part in persuad-ing Milosevic to end the vio-

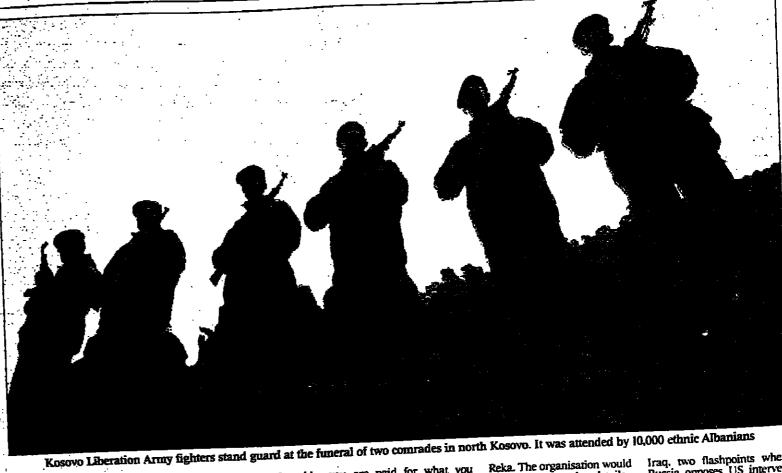
leace in Kosovo."

The source added: "If all diplomatic efforts fail, then it is possible that Moscow will not be so opposed to an ultima-

Today Naio's North Atlantic Council will meet in Brussels to review the latest efforts and to my to link up with the approach adopted by the Contact Group. European Union foreign ministers will also be meeting in Brancale today. meeting in Brussels today to discuss Kosovo

Nato diplomats over the weekend was that the alliance should not be seen to be biased against Mr Milosevic and in support of the Kosovo Liberation Army

To that end, the North Atlantic Council is expected to call for urgent studies by the military planners into the pos-sibility of sending ground troops to Albania to monitor arms smuggling into Kosovo. Although the idea of deploying Nato troops along the border between Albania and Kos ovo is acknowledged to be impractical because of the nature of the terrain and the length of the frontier, there is now a new proposal for a force to be sent to Albanian ports and airports to check on families from the Racak area
scene of the massacre of 45 suspected arms shipments.



ordeal because "they never came to my house" he said. He showed reporters a crumpled photograph of the Bigovics, taken during better times on a summy day 20 years ago in Nevoljane. We never had

trouble in those days," he said in tears.

Serbs from adjoining villages gathered around the foreign press corps to vent their frustration at the Western media. "You are all spies. We know

you are paid for what you write," said one youth.

The OSCE said the Serbs were released from KLA headquarters in Likovac, while the Albanians were freed in the southwestern town of Suva

Iraq, two flashpoints where Reka. The organisation would Russia opposes US interven-tion. The Russian influence not provide any other details. ☐ Washington: Madeleine Alon the Serbs is important." bright, the American Secreand Washington hopes it will use it fully. Ms Albright said tary of State, arrives in Moscow today for tough talks expected to focus on Kosovo and

Her son, Zoran, who was asleep at the time, escaped the

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# 4 'Weakness' of Hussein heir led to sacking KING HUSSEIN of Jordan re-

moved his younger brother, Hassan, as successor to the throne after 34 years because of disappointment at the Crown Prince's leadership during the monarch's six-month absence in the US for cancer treatment, sources in Amman said vesterday.

"The King was angered by reports that Hassan was beginning to behave as a permanent ruler, promoting the interests of his own children ahead of those of Hussein's and acting as if the King was never going

to return," a top banker said.

The King's displeasure was clearly visible in the body language between the two men when he returned home to a euphoric welcome last Tuesday. He refused his brother permission to travel in his car

as had happened previously. The 63-year-old Sandhursttrained monarch informed his brother at a frosty meeting on Friday that he was no longer Crown Prince, a position he had held since the Constitution was changed in 1965 after the King had survived a of assassination attempts and was deeply concerned about the future of the

Hashemite dynast Palace officials in Amman said it was expected that Prince Hassan would be offered responsibility for certain areas of national life, but without any claim to the throne which Hussein inherited from

his father, Talal, at 17. There has been speculation that the King decided on the move, which has not yet been formally announced, to ensure that one of his five sons would ascend to the throne. But the

The King was disappointed by brother's rule in his absence, Christopher

Walker writes sources in Amman insisted that the main reason was what were seen as diplomatic and political blunders during the

King's absence. The strongest candidate to replace Prince Hassan was said to be the King's eldest son, Abdullah, who will be 37 later this month. Prince Abdullah - named after the King's grandfather, who was assassinated on the Temple Mount in Jerusalem - was briefly Crown Prince after he was born to Princess Muna (née Toni Gardiner), the daughter

of a British Army officer. Prince Abdullah, who is himself now married with a son, is a major-general in charge of a special forces division that oversees the security of the Royal Family. As such, he could rely on the support of the armed forces.

According to the Amman sources, the King was trying to have Prince Hamzah, 19, his much-favoured eldest son by his fourth and current wife. US-born Oueen Noor, named as heir to Prince Abdullah. Such a move would ensure the 46-year-old Queen a role in Jordan after the King's death.

One Jordanian source said that it had been difficult for

whom he virtually raised as a son, but that he felt he had no alternative. "God knows I love him as I love all my children and brought him up as my son." the King told CNN in the only interview he has granted

Palace sources said that Oxford-educated Prince Hassan, 51, who lacks the King's charisma, did not react adequately when Iraqi politicians publicly ridiculed his call for humani tarian aid to Baghdad.

There is also speculation that the King was irked by Prince Hassan's strong-willed Pakistani wife, Princess Sarvath, who had started refurbishing her husband's office in preparation for him ascending the throne. One politician said that Princess Sarvath had been at loggerheads with Queen Noor for some time before the King's departure to the Mayo Clinic to be treated for non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

Prince Hassan's administration was criticised in the over old serum used to vaccinate children, and polluted water pumped to Amman's exclusive suburbs. The water scandai was later blamed on the Cabinet, which the King dis-missed last August while he

was in Minnesota. Whatever Prince Hassan's actions, some Jordanians feel that deposing him is uncalled for and could encourage feud-ing at the palace. "A lot has been invested in Prince Hassan in the last 34 years," said Labib Kamhawi, a political analyst. "People feel that to



King Hussein with his eldest son, Prince Abdullah, 37, who is a strong candidate to be nominated as heir to the Jordanian throne, and his grandson, Hussein

# Russians help Syria to make chemical arms

have been uncovered between former Russian officials and Syria aimed at helping Damascus to produce advanced chemical weapons, according to intelligence sources.

Syria has been developing chemical agents since the mid-1980s, but it is now feared that sophisticated Russian technology has been passed to Syria by former members of Moscow's chemical weapons

Last week President Clinton issued a warning that it was likely the United States would be the victim of a terrorist attack involving chemical or biological weapons within the next few years, because of the spread of these deadly systems among maverick states.

British intelligence sources said they believed that, although many countries were developing chemical and biological weapons, there was as yet no indication that states were prepared to pass on the expertise to sponsored terrorist groups.

However, the alleged in-

volvement of former members of the Russian chemical weapons project in passing on key technology to Damascus — in breach of the Chemical Weapons Convention, of which Russia is a signatory — has highlighted the increasing danger posed by these systems. Moscow's capability to de-

velop sophisticated chemical and biological agents and to "weaponise" them, using shells, bombs and ballistic missiles, was first revealed in 1989 by Vladimir Pasechnik, a Russian defector who has settled in Britain.

It is believed that, in unofficial exchanges with senior former Russian experts, Syria has acquired the technology

UNOFFICIAL secret links for dispersing chemical have been uncovered between agents, including VX nerve gas, by means of bombs from aircraft and from surface-tosurface missile warheads. Syrian Scud C ballistic missiles with a range of 300 miles are understood to have been adapted to disperse VX gas.

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vancement of Spence.
They called for a kind of bioney tank the said of the reprism genome project, similar to the Human Genome Project in which scientists are racing to map out every gene in the human body. (Reuters)

# Arabs reject Iraqi call

Cairo: Mohammad Said al-Sahhaf, the Iraqi Foreign Minister, stormed out of an Arab meeting here yesterday after Arab foreign ministers failed to meet Baghdad's call for a unilateral lifting of UN sanctions, the Iraqi delegation said.

"The final communiqué is a cover-up for maintaining forever the UN embargo," Nabil Najm, for the Iraqi Foreign Ministry, said. This statement is a mockery," Mr Najm told reperters at the Arab League headquarters where the foreign ministers 22-member pan Arab organisation met.

Iraq wanted the ministers unilaterally to lift the sanc-tions imposed after the Ku-



Yitzhak Mordechai, left, confers with Amnon Lipkin-Shahak yesterday

# Netanyahu drops defence chief | Moi adds voice to pleas for

YITZHAK MORDECHAL the Israeli Defence Minister and one of the nation's most popular politicians, has been sacked by Binyamin Netanyahu, the Prime Minister. The dismissal comes after specu-lation in which Mr Mordechai hint-

ed he was leaving the Likud Party. He had failed to register as a Likud candidate for the May 17 elecline. Instead, he met leaders of a new centrist party in a Tel Aviv café. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, a former military Chief of Staff touted as leader of the new party, said he would step down for Mr Mordechai. But before Mr Mordechai could announce his decision to leave Likud, Mr Netanyahu dropped him.

The Prime Minister, however, is taking a gamble, for without Mr **Dina Shiloh** writes

on the split that has shocked Israelis

Mordechai in his team Mr Netanyahu's electoral chances are considerareduced. Meir Sheetrit, the

electoral asset to the Likud." The split led to an immediate display of hostility between Mr Mor-dechai and Mr Netanyahu, shocking Israelis. Flanked by his Cabinet, Mr Netanyahu read out the letter to a press conference on Saturday night. In it the Prime Minister accused Mr Mordechai of "conducting negotiations with the Opposition in order to guarantee you will

continue to be Defence Minister at the same time you ask me to guarantee your position as Defence Min-

ister. I do not think it is moral."

Mr Mordechai called Mr Netanyahu "a petty politician who spreads lies" moments after he had received the letter. "I'm sorry to say that at the head of the Government is a man who I do not believe is worthy of the job, worthy of my trust, or worthy of the trust of the people of Israei," he said.

By humiliating Mr Mordechai, the Prime Minister has certainly made himself a powerful enemy Mr Mordechai is a former majorgeneral in a country where a military career is often the precursor of glittering political career. Like Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Prime Minister, Mr Mordechai is a warrior turned peace-maker.

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# peace in Horn of Africa

FROM ROBIN LODGE IN NAJROBI

PRESIDENT Moi of Kenya eager to boost his status as a. leading statesman of the region, flew to the Eritrean capital. Asmara, yesterday in frontation between Eritrea and Ethiopia over a disputed

Mr Moi left Nairobi only a. day after returning home from an East African summit in Arusha, Tanzania, which agreed to promote regional cooperation and to suspend sanctions imposed in July 1996 against Burundi after a military coup which brought the

to power. -The summit, which was also attended by leaders from Tan-

pia, Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, was seen as a major step in restoring peace to a turbulent region. The United Nations World Food Programme welcomed the suspension of sanctions against Burundi. Nearly a quarter of a million Burundians depend on emergency food assistance from the WFP. President Moi was expected

to urge President Afewerki of

present Tutsi-led Government Eritrea to exercise restraint and avoid a repeat of the fighting which broke out last year, leaving hundreds dead.

zania, Uganda, Zambia, Ethio- Last week the UN Security over the collapse of recent mediation efforts by the Organisation of African Unity and the build-up of troops and artil-lery on both sides of the 600-mile border between Eritrea and Ethiopia. Relations between the two Horn of Africa countries have remained uneasy since Eritrea won its independence from Ethiopia in 1993 after a long war.

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# THE TIMES MONDAY JANUARY 25 1999 A

# Bad become mad as Vatican reformers drive Satan out The new definition will be Evil One, or Satan, with the vention, and prefer St Augus. Association of Exorcists, said he had examined 40,000 al-

he Vatican, which ten days ago decreed that God was not to be unagined as an old man with a white beard", will this week seek to recast the image of Satan, arguing that the Church needs a "more subtle and so-phisticated" definition of evil for the millennium.

A Vatican commission of theologians and liturgical experts has revised long standming exorcism, or the casting out of devils. A new formula drops references to Satan, or the Devil, as the embodiment of evil, in favour of definitions more compatible with modern concepts of "psychological disturbance".

"In revising the form of words for exorcism, we have re-thought the nature of the evil we are trying to root out,"

cast in a new light in time for the millennium. Richard Owen writes

sion said. Officials said the in 1614. It was revised under Church was not revising "scriptural references" to the Devil or suggesting that peo-ple should cease believing in the Evil One. But, priests conducting exorcisms should deal with evil as a force lunking within all individuals" rather than as a force, traditionally embodied as Satan threatening human beings from without

Definitions of "demonic possession" and the rituals for dealing with it have largely remained unaltered since Pope Paul V (1605-1621) is-

one member of the commis- sued the Rinale Romanum According to Vatican officials, under the new rituals Leo XIII (1878-1903) but not

substantially changed. Monsignor Corrado Bald-ucci, the Vatican's chief exorcist, said the Church had to adapt to modern thinking and "be more careful in distinguishing between possession by evil spirits and what are more commonly called psy-chiatric disturbances".

He added: "We are chang-ing the rules for the millennium as part of the continuing process of liturgical reform which followed the Second Vatican Council in the 1960s." The new definition will be presented tomorrow by Cardi-nal Jorge Arturo Medina Esteves. Prefect of the Congrega-tion for the Divine Cult and the Discipline of the Sacra-

priests will be encouraged not to refer any longer to the Prince of Darkness, the Accursed Dragon, the Foul Spirit, the Satanic Power or the Master of Decest. Instead the formulas refer more vaguely to "the cause of evil". They also introduce for the first time an appeal to the Virgin Mary to help to combat evil in an "afflicted individual", a reflection of Pope John Paul Il's personal commitment to

the Marian cult. Both Old and New Testaments refer to Beelzebub, the

Devil often depicted as Lucifer, a rebel angel expelled from Heaven, a theme taken up in Milion's epic poem Paradise Lost. The Revelation of St. John (12.7) describes "war in Heaven between the

pent who led the whole world astray whose name is the Devil, or Satan". Jesus cast out demons in several famous New Testa-ment passages, and St Mark (1.13) and St Matthew (4.1-11) both record that Jesus was "tempted by Satan" during

angels" (let) by Michael) and

"the Dragon, that ancient ser-

the wilderness. But some modern theolo-gians regard the depiction of Satan as a reptilian beast with clover hooves, wings and a tail, as a medieval in-

his 40 days and 40 nights in

vention, and prefer St Augus-tine's definition of evil as "the absence of good".

According to Signor Balducci, every Roman Catholic diocese is supposed to have at least one priest qualified in exorcism. Under the rituals currently in force, the priest lays his hands on the head of the possessed person while recit-ing the words exorcitio te.

e then calls out ex cruciem Domini while wrapping the hem of his stole round the neck of the possessed and keeping his right hand on his or her head. Exorcists say that the evil spirits emerge "sometimes a bit at a time. and sometimes in one big con-

Father Gabriele Amorth, President of the International he had examined 40,000 alleged cases of demonic possession, and of the "small number" which turned out the be genuine he had successfully dealt with 130.

"There is no harm in carrying out an exorcism where it turns out to be unnecessary. whereas not to carry out an exorcism where it really is needed can be catastrophic." Father Amorth said

Monsignor Balducci said that of every 1,000 people who turned to an exorcist for help, only "five or six" were in reality possessed by evil spirits. Thirty cases in a thousand qualified as "demonic obsession, infestation or dis-turbance". The rest were "in need of psychiatric help".

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Devil on a Tarot card

**Pontiff** 

attacks

the Right

FROM DAVID ADAMS
IN MIAMI

AT A gathering of Roman Catholic bishops from North

and South America in Mexico at the weekend, the Pope offered a new sharper definition of the Church's social doctrine in what he called a

His message on this, his fourth visit to Mexico, was in marked contrast to his first visit 20 years ago, when he spoke out against the left-

wing tendency in the Latin American Church dubbed

Now that the threat of Com-

munism is all but erased, the

pontiff has turned his atten-

tion to the right-wing excesses

of capitalism and free market

economics, giving a warning that its negative side effects have brought only greater un-

In a 24-page Apostolic Exhortation, the Pope outlined his latest guidelines to the

bishops on everything from parish work to combating hu-man rights abuses and pover-

ty. Speaking at a Mass for Mexico's patron saint, Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Pope

said that as the world enters a

new millennium "we must

stir up a new springtime of

employment and poverty.

"liberation theology".

broken world".

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# Lewinsky Iraqia, returns to Senate turmoi

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

MONICA LEWINSKY, a baseball cap pulled low over her eyes, reluctantly flew to ashington from Los Angeles as President Clinton's Senate impeachment trial lurched into an unpredictable and highly contentious realm.

Democrats and Republicans were at each other's throats yesterday after the former White House trainee was forced to return to the capital to be questioned again about her affair with Mr Clinton. Democrats said her treatment amounted to intimidation. To add to the turmoil. Trent Lott, leader of the Republican majority in the Senate, said he would send written questions to Mr Chinon today dear up inconsistencies in pround up Republican support

ROIN SIG anger on the Sunday talk shows and the ill feelings are likely to be aired again today when the Senate is due to take up two crucial votes. One is a motion to dismiss the perjury and obstruction of justice charges against Mr Clinton. It was proposed by Robert Byrd, the crusty but widely respected Democrat who is a stickler for Senate procedures.

He will argue that it is time to recognise that the requisite 67 votes needed to convict two thirds of the 100 Senators - are simply not there and itis time to move on. The Byrd motion could pass with a majority vote of 51 senators or more, but there are only 45 Democrats and there was no sign yesterday that six Republicans were prepared to break party ranks.

The second vote will be on whether to proceed with the trial by calling witnesses. The use of witnesses could extend the proceedings by weeks, although Mr Lott insists that there would be stringent curbs on cross-examination Democrats hope they can

his testimony". White House: against witnesses, a big step lawyers said they, not Mr. Clin-towards bringing the trial to a one was sure that this could happen, but there are Republi-.cans who are worned that the trial is harming the party's popularity. Ms. Lewinsky flew to Wash-

ington on the orders of a federal indge after she refused the request by Henry Hyde, chairman of the House Indiciary Committee, for a voluntary interview, on her lawyers' ad-



Monica Lewinsky, escorted by aides and bodyguards, arrives back in Washington to face further questioning about her affair with the President

side, arguing successfully to Judge Norma Holloway that Ms Lewinsky was obliged to make herself available under his deal giving her immunityfrom prosecution.

The re-emergence of Mr Starr infuriated Democrats, who said it confirmed their view that he was no more than a Republican "agent" on a witch-hunt against the Presi-

12 killed in

KwaZulu

violence

FROM RAY KENNEDY

IN JOHANNESBURG

THE threat of severe political violence in South Africa be-

fore its second democratic elec-

tion in a few months loomed

yesterday. Gunfire and arson

erupted around Richmond in KwaZulu-Natal after the mur-

ders of 12 people, including a

The violence caused Presi-

dent Mandela to postpone a

visit to Uganda this week, and

1,000 police and troops were

rushed to the area as George

Fivaz, the Police Commission-

er, predicted that the violence

Sifiso Nkabinde, secretary

general of the United Demo-

cratic Movement (UDM) and a self-confessed warlord, died

in a hail of bullets fired at his

car in Richmond on Saturday.

Twelve hours later, in what

police said was a revenge at-

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National Congress dominat-

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vice. Kenneth Start, the inde- dent. Mr Start insisted that he pendent prosecutor, used his was complying with the stat-In talking to Ms Lewinsky, Republican prosecutors will

want to go over several key topics. One is her assertion that Mr Clinton was not a passive partner to oral sex, but fondled her sexually on nine occasions. They will also ask her whether there was a plot to cover up the retrieval of his gifts to her and efforts to find her a job away from Washington.

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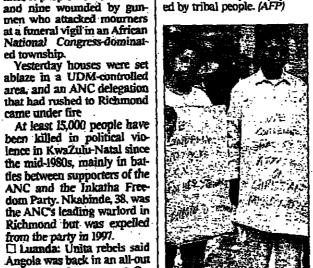
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# Naked truth about grooming

ucts of geography.

AMID the frantic couture schedule (not the shows but the endless dinners and parties). Chanci hit on a truly inspired piece of corporate entertaining. Taking over the Turkish baths in a former Parisian mosque, they invited the international fashion press for an evening of body scrubs, steam baths, massage - and very little dothing.

Even though everyone pretended not to look, this was quite an eye-opener - as you might imagine - and yet another insight into national characteristics. The first to be scrubbed down, first to im-merse themselves in the freezing plunge-pool were the Germans; then came the toned, glossy-haired Americans; the naturally dainty French; and

By Lisa Armstrong

the Brits, clinging on to their towelling robes for dear life catch on to the idea given its intellectual leanings, opened Colette two years ago on the Faubourg Saint Honore and, because they hadn't made it to the waxers. One who had made it claimed that it was the to and behold, the handbagfirst time her legs had ever been deforested. She fretted on a plinth. desert boots in a glass-case style of shopping arrived with a vengeance. So that her husband, who preferred her in her natural state, much so that a few months might divorce her, citing ago Ramdanet, Antoine and Chanel as co-respondent. It's Artus, three cheeky, skateboarding twentysomethings, hard to imagine an American having quite the same probopened an antidote. L'Epicerie The Grocery), at 30 Rue du-Temple in the Marais, takes a deliberately irreverent, chaotic

approach to retailing, although its merchandise is nothing if not upscale. Marc Jacobs was so taken with the concept that he offered to design an accessory for the boutique and has invited the trio to stay at his New York apartment for the readycollections next

L'Epicerie was such a success that it was forced to close

lems, which goes to show that because it ran out of stock. The while fashion has become innew merchandise will be in camouflage print from L'Epicerie's own streetwear ternational, when it comes to grooming, we are still the prodlabel to the limited-series items made exclusively for the ■ LONDON and New York shop by names such as Jerenny Scott, Eric Halley and, of aren't the only cities with boutiques that take the fashion-ascourse, a clutch of Dutch designers. At this rate Marks & Spencer won't have to do a

art concept seriously. Paris. though surprisingly slow to thing to the design of its stores; the fashion pendulum will decree that drab fittings and inword in retail chic. ST. JOSEPH'S

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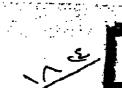
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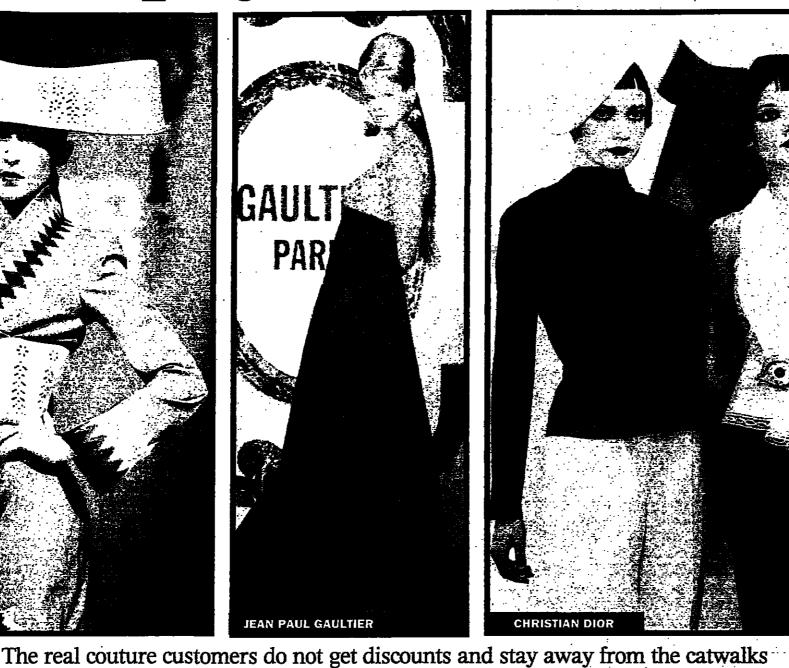


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# **PARIS COUTURE SUMMER '99**

# Who pays £10,000 for a suit?











atherine Zeta Jones and Liv Tyler seemed to be enjoying themselves at Versace, although it's not always easy to tell. Hollywood's female celebrities have such preternaturally bright smiles and such unnaturally perfect posture (the better to display those darling designer donations) that they often look as though their scalps are

being permanently winched upwards by invisible pulleys. If are they bona fide customers? Probably not, even though the Oscars have replaced society balls as the only occasion to wear any of these clothes, and despite the fact that Donatella Versace is on a mission to make couture appeal to a younger set - with geometric shapes in aggressively modern fabrics. Naomi Campbell, encased in a strapless wool dress pierced with metal shards that clinked on to the catwalk every time she turned energetically, looked as though she had been struck by

the scale, it's hard to imagine who goes to the more established couturiers for a £10,000 day suit. Chanel and Valentino did their best work for night (Chanel's matt sequined tops and chiffon columns were beautiful) and stumbled with awkward daywear; Chanel with lumpy harem trousers and Valentino with batwingsleeved, wide tops and oddly proportioned flared skirts.

But when the clothes are right, go they do, although this being a world of trompe-l'oeils and exquisite artifice, things are rarely as they seem. Prices, never openly discussed with

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the press, fluctuate dramatically. If a client is young, pretty and famous -and can fit into the couture samples - she could snap up quite a bargain.

If she's the wife of a South American dictator, she might find French inflation running rampant and fabric running out. The women sitting in the front rows are frequently there just for the cameras. The real customers are often tucked up in Riyadh. They prefer to buy via video and do not get discounts. They don't even need to fly in for fittings. Many regulars have their measurements encrypted at their favourite houses in the form of a seamstresses's mannequin.

To track down the lesserspotted couture client (an endangered species if ever there was one), it is sometimes necessary to stray from the beaten track of the catwalk.

At a small, by these standards. private gathering in honour of Emanuel Ungaro last week, for instance, around 80 faithful couture customers were invited for supper — and a chance to show off their made-to-measure

shares in

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lace cocktail dresses. And very pretty they all looked, too: not ostentatious, not geriatric, not especially vacuous - not any of the things might

imagine a couture customer to be. According to ingaro's wife, Ungaro's Laura, the house recently picked up 20 new customers — several of

whom are Russian. Quite a statistic at a time when the world is supposedly tightening its belt. They would have found plenty to please at his show that day, where the models padded around on rose petals in layers of gauzy chiffon, coloured, lacy peasant skirts and cropped tops, and the audience almost passed out from the attar of roses that had been hosed over the place.

At Givenchy, a house insid-er estimates that Alexander McOucen attracted around 50 or 60 clients - wom-en who return season after season for that dominatrix tailoring (this season it got a 1950s twist). One husband, accompanying his wife to a fitting there, responded to her lament that she had nowhere to wear the ballgown he had selected for her by promising to throw

the dress a lavish party. Jean Paul Gaultier bas been picking up clients, too, since he gave up his job as co-presenter of Eurotrash, the Channel 4 series whose main contri-

bution to modern culture is to bring the silicone implants of various porn stars to the attention of Britain. He has developed the anorak's delight in couture details, from the pleating that wound and twisted its way round the bodies to the faultless tailoring of the jaunty, mannish trouser suits that could have swaggered off the catwalk into many a stylish woman's wardrobe.

Even the evening wear, despite Moorish styling (a theme that popped up at Valentino and Ungaro: take out shares in huge ornate earrings now), was restrained. Here, a black jersey column with slinky cut-outs; there, a pale gold mousseline empire-line dress with a beaded bustier. worn over slim trousers. Best not to dwell on the jokey pieces you can take the terrible out of the enfant, but you cannot always take the enfant out of the terrible. That couture clients still

exist at all makes it difficult to know on what basis to judge the clothes. On one hand, couture is meant to be the fashion designer's equivalent of Rachmaninov's Third - incredible workmanship gets the workout of its life and arcane techniques get tossed around like Galliano's theme at Dior

wonderful back-to-front Prince of Wales trouser suits and evening gowns with figures Cocteau etched on them, but Take out thematic rarely work outside

their context.

was Surrealism; there were

The best pieces were the simplest: a black silk column suspended from a diamond choker, a Wallis Simpson calflength silk skirt and silk shell top with a sash caught in a clasp that had been fashioned into a Dali-esque eye.

If you are judging by virtuoso displays, Christian Lacroix produced the collection of last week: a ravishing display of silk and tulle that had been whipped into extraordinarily lovely, vaguely 18th-century evening wear that looked as fresh and carefree as a baby's smile.

Even the enormous violet silk ballgown, caught up in a side bow, with tiny buttons down the back and a corsag of 18th-century emerald flowers, looked light as sea mist, and that's some kind of

But even couture clients

reject some outfits on the ground that there isn't a place. apart from a Michael Jackson video, where they would look appropriate. Josephus Thimister, a Dutch designer with the aura of a disapproving accountant, is offering an alternative vision. His architectural shapes in eau-de-Nil python, parachute silk or tulle-enveloped canvas were starkly poet-ic and achieved the hitherto impossible; they made couture

look hip. Just as things were looking very good fashionwise for the Dutch, along come the Antwerp two, aka Viktor and Rolf, and their Concept. Last season's concept was postatomic holocaust chic, which roughly translated into clothes that fitted over enormous neck pillows and gave all the models hunches. I wasn't crazv about the effect, but they smiled sweetly when interviewed them and said that ...

and Madonna liked them, so I didn't have the heart to argue. The concept this time was Showing Your Collection in

the Dark. This is so silly that it needs no further comment, except to say that it was also boring once you got past the idea that everything was in black and white and the infrared lighting made the white bits jump out

is tailoring — cue tuxedos with white skeleton bones picked out on them. Victorian coat dresses, and those clerical frock coats that seem to crop up in every costume drama ever made. Several thousand outfits later when you thought things couldn't get any worse. they did; the lights went on and they ran through the entire show again. Not surpris-ingly, Catherine and Liv didn't did; the lights went on show up. But Viktor and Rolf do have customers galore, apparently. It is just that most of them happen to be museums.



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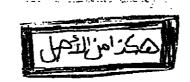
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# Taking the taste for adventure to new heights



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t is the time of year when bro-chures on my doormat tempt me to go ballooning in Cappadocia and friends announce that they're going glacier skiing. Nobody just lies on a beach any more. Smart hedonism means

seeking out extreme experiences. The smart hedonists have smart role models such as the balloonist Richard Branson and the polar explorer Ranulph Fiennes. These high-profile adventurers inspire increasing numbers of couch potatoes to set out in search of similar

For those with the temperament for it, taking risks is more than fun, sexy and exciting - it's essential. Some people don't really feel alive unless they get the chance to look death in the face. I'm not one the second adjective. Nor do the of these. I asked a psychotherapist

The craze for experiencing extreme sporting thrills is a growing and worrying one, says Celia Brayfield

why and she said: "Because you their tole models take their risks. have got a life," meaning creative fulfilment through family, art and career. The expanding population of under 40s without such satisfactions provides the market for the

new extreme leisure industry. This market could stand some education. In our controlled lives the most daring thing most of us do is hit the new curo key on the computer. We never meet nature on a daily basis. The Prince of Wales once called Ranulph Fiennes "mad but marvellous". I suspect that most people only heard

with the benefit of the best training and back-up money can buy.

Sadly, recent weeks have brought tragic and abundant proof that ordinary people doing ordinary things no longer know Mother Nature well enough to give her the respect she deserves. Four climbers were killed by an avalanche near Ben Nevis and a boy of 11 died after trying out his new fishing rod on a trip in the Bristol Channel.

In both cases the warnings of weather forecasters were ignored. Recently, when gale-force winds were predicted, 70 amateur sailors were rescued off the coast of Essex

And some people never tearn. Sarah Woodroffe, who fell 800 feet from a mountain in Glencoe and broke her neck, left hospital last week. She announced that she would be returning to mountain-eering. "It was like being on a rollercoaster when you lose your stornach," she said of the fall.

I could cite many more trage dies, which suggest that people who choose extreme sports to spice up their lives are doing so without being able to calculate the risks. Within my own circle of

and another gave up the sport of ter hitting a thermal which nearly took him to the stratosphere In contrast to this tragic ama terrism, I remember interviewing Lord Hunt, the leader of the Everest expedition. Instead of guing ho I met a surprishely quiet hem.
Did you ever think of giving up?"
I asked "Every morning," he ad-

mitted, explaining that it was the duty of an expedition leader to calculate the risk of lesing fives.

The only people concerned about our increasing appetite for risk are insurers, whose statistics show the associated death claims rising year-on-year at about 10 per cent. Maybe it's time the mad-butmarvellous squad used their influence to promote adventure education for people who share their courage but not their advantages.

# Why I stay with the man who beat me

Arabella Melville, an academic, claims she has stopped her partner being violent, says **Penny Wark** 

he damage, says Arabelia Melville, was "absolutely minimal". That is how she describes 15 years of abuse by Colin Johnson, the man she loves. She flexes her right

One slightly damaged finger joint," she says unwillingly. "That finger has ened out and works normally. For me, minimal." For much of those 15 years she was so frightened of Johnson that she believed he could kill her, yet now, she seems to be excusing him. "It was never a continuous thing that lasted for a long time. It was lashing out. It

wasn't considered." Two things are remarkable about Melville's story. One is that 25 years after she met Johnson, she still adores him and they still live together; the other is that it is now five years since Johnson hit her. This is not because he sought change. but because Melville came to believe that she could alter his behaviour. By her own analysis, she has, and this is the subject of her new book. Difficult Men: strategies for women who choose not to leave.

Her theory is controversial, straddling both the central feminist mantra about taking power, and relying on the contradictory premise that wom-en should take responsibility

Melville, the product of a solid middle-class upbringing in Birmingham, is a gentle, friendly woman of 50. An academic based at York University, she writes guidance on cancer services for the NHS, but her private life is grounded in Porthmadog where she lives with Johnson, a diabetic who is becoming progressively ill. Her appearance is neat, though when we meet in London it rapidly becomes clear that her confidence is less easi-

Change, she maintains, is always possible. By refusing to tolerate Johnson's violent behaviour, and temporarily walking away when she sees it coming, she has taken control. she argues. One imagines this is not quite what the Home Office Minister Paul Boateng had in mind last week when. in response to a report that nearly one in 20 Britons had suffered domestic violence, he called for "a basic shift in attitude . . . towards the day when such conduct is universally recognised as reprehensible.

ly controlled.

She was 26 when she met Johnson, and already rebeling against her background. Unhappy about the use of animals in her field of experimental psychology, she had given up academic life and become a nude model. Through this she



Arabella Melville and Colin Johnson: "I always had the fear that if he wasn't in control he could do some really serious damage to me. I really believed he was canable of killing me"

met Gerald Kingsland, the anti-hero of Castaway fame, and then his friend, Johnson. "Colin was wild and attractive, but most important was the intellectual philosophical thing: thinking things through and not stopping at some taboo. He has always been totally excessive," she says.

He is also nine years her senior and was then a confident businessman. The abuse started gradually, though she claims not to remember when he first hit her. "His ex-wife used to say, has he started hitting you yet? I recognised that in had reacted violently but I didn't imagine I could be the victim of it.

Things started going downhill when he went from rich to

penniless and lost confidence. The outbursts of anger and frustration became more frequent. It wasn't focused on me. I just happened to be there. I remember trying to crawl under the sofa to hide because I was so afraid. He didn't seem to see that.

"He was abusive verbally very frequently, daily, during the middle period of our relationship. after the first five vears. If it's constant it's undermining, but the ac-

tual physical violence was rare, once a year. There is also the smashing of things, the throwing of bottles That is maybe not a danger to you but it reminds you, and it happened a lot. If things were going

well, there would be a lot more mutual respect but if we had failed at setting up a project, he became very obnoxious. "I think he didn't feel he was in control and all this time he's been trying to control me because he's afraid of me getting

away. I always had the fear that if he wasn't in control he could do some really serious damage to me. I really believed he was capable of killing me but he wouldn't survive long after that because there's no doubt that he loves me deeply." She is more graphic in a short section of her book: "He held me by the hair to make sure he had my full attention as he shouted. It hurt. I told him it hurt. He didn't listen or didn't hear. I tried to pull his hands away. Failing, I thumped his hand with a

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torch I was holding. That was a bad mistake. "He snatched the torch and started hitting me with it. I held up my hands to protect my face. Smash. Smash. My hand took the full force of the blows. The torch broke, i ran away, bruised and crying."
But she stayed.

Why? Was she frightened of who else she might meet? She had after all been bullied at school and was later dominated by the man she married, who eroded her confidence by criticising her.

"I wasn't frightened of being on my own, it was entirely emotional. Frequently I got to the point of being so wretched that I would think about gathering my things. Then Colin would turn and the person you love reappears and I would think, I love him, and I do, and I always have, but I love the in-

son, the exuberant and outgoing and witty person. Nobody else has been able to make me laugh as consistently as he does. The things I love about Colin were always too strong for me to go." She shakes her head and laughs.

The turning point came dur-ing a course of counselling she had undertaken in the hope of changing her relationship with Johnson When she finally acknowledged his violent outbursts, her counsellor encouraged her to see that Melville's own defensiveness her inability to talk, hiding her face, crying - provoked Johnson into seeing her as the object of his frustration. The crucial point was that as her failure to stand up for herself made Johnson's violence more probable, it might be possible to reduce the probability of vio-lence by behaving differently.

"It never happened after that," says Melville. "It was like the lights coming on. After that session I talked to Colin about the violence and the impact on me. I'd never before that been able to explain clearly to him how destructive it was. As soon as he started to behave in a way I recognised as threatening or abusive, insulting me, i started saying, sorry, I'm not putting up with this. I would leave the room, go to my own room, leave the house if necessary. He would try to stop me leaving but I would do that very early in the process before he was really out of control. If you do that with total regularity that abusive behaviour starts to become less common.

"One of the terrible mistakes women make is to think that if they are better, more attractive, more exciting, maybe he would stop getting angry with them. They reward him. for his behaviour and that is playing into his hands. My approach involves the woman enhancing her own power."

🕇 here are several difficulties with Melville's theory. One is that what works for someone who is middle class and articulate is not necessarily a good ploy for someone without her advantages. More profoundly, she seems to be encouraging wornen associated with difficult men to take responsibility for their unpleasantness. How many women have started re-lationships with unreliable men in the hope that they could change them, only to re-alise, much later, that they could not? The more conventional view is that a woman's responsibility is to herself, and that means leaving a violent

indeed, as Melville admits. although Johnson has not hit her during the past five years

- she insists she is no longer frightened of him, and it was his suggestion that she wrote openly rather than anonymously about their difficulties - his potential for abuse does not seem to have vanished completely. "He still insults me sometimes because to simit's a joke," says Melville with-ly. "Or so be says."

The balance of their relationship has also been changed by his illness and his increasing dependence on her. What makes her so certain that she can help other women?

"Relationships are in a dymnamic balance and if one part changes, inevitably the other part will change," she replies. When you see a pattern of fear and the reaction to it. you know it's not going to be just true for yourself. Colin wasn't willing to go to a therapist and that was one of the reasons for the awful frustration that I felt I saw it as his problem and felt powerless until I realised that I wasn't it doesn't have to be your problem for you to set about solving it." if the man you love also loves you, shouldn't he want to

solve it too? Yes. she says quietly. There is a long pause. "I don't really have an answer to that."

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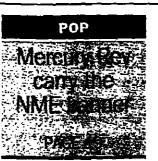
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# Making drama out of the truth

he problem with transforming journals into plays is evident. Where is the dramatic conflict, where the tension to be found in writings which tend to move forward plotlessly, shapelessly and all too chronologically? And the prob-lem is still more acute if the denoue ment is predictable, as is the case with the two diary-dramas that have just opened in London. We can hardly be astonished when Marie Bashkirtseff, protagonist of Brief Candle (New End, NW3), dies at 24; because a narrator in the splendidly robust form of Denis Quilley has told us at the beginning that she will do precisely that. It is much the same with the multiple mortalities in Mick Gordon's Intimate Death (the Gate, WII)\_

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Does this matter? In the case of Brief Candle, I fear so. In that of Intimate Deuth, which comes to Will via workshops at the National, not too much. At the start Gordon's staging of the journals of the Paris psychologist Marie de Hennezel made me feel so got at that all thoughts of shape and plot evaporated. But by the end I had to admit that Gordon had created a piece as sensitive and absorbing as Peter-Brook's somewhat similar series of case-studies, The Man Who.

De Hennezel works in a hospice, and at first struck me as taking an offputting relish in her job. It is not that she is morbid or ghoulish, just that she sounds as if she is committing that most un-English of sins, invasion of privacy. How would you like to breathe your last in the company of a woman for whom it is "an unforgettable opportunity to experience true intimacy"? I listened to Gillian Barge's formidable Marie gravely rabbiting on about

death being "our crowning moment", a sweet and tender event that "binds me to every other human being" and "sends me back to the essential questions of life", and felt that, were I their object. I would ensure that my last words were

"blast your impertmence".
But gradually I realised that the problem was not the content but the structure instead of hammering us with all this editorialising before showing us any of the human material from which it is derived. Gordon should have interspersed it with the scenes that occur in and round the hospital bed ominously

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standing stage centre. If Marie talked of integrating death with life and shoot between encounters with her patients, she would gain in credibility, sympathy and trust—and the evening in variety.

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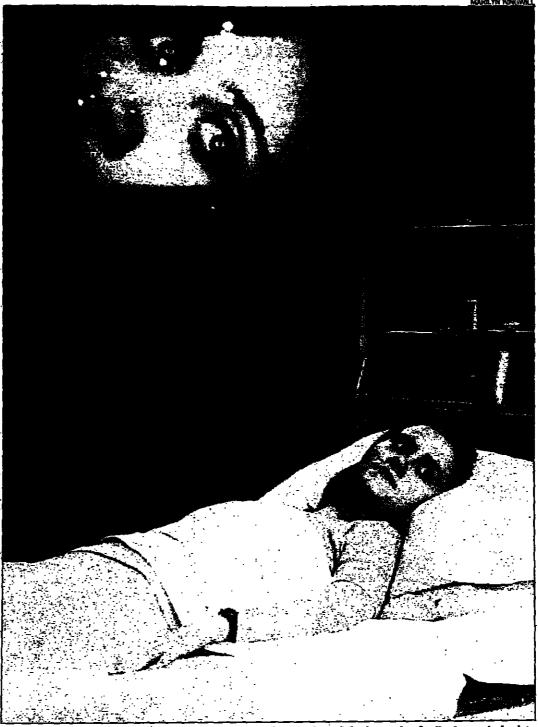
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sky with new candour. A mother,
herself a doctor, gives her comatose
daughter the blessing that some
where deep inside her seems to be
come permission to let go.

Amelda Brown, Nina Conti, Iain Fraser, Michael Hadley and Nicholas Tizzard, each signalling the moment of death by clambering from bed and quietly exiting, are equally impressive as terminal cases whose afflictions range from cerebral degeneration to paralysis in everything but the eyelids and a single
finger. Finally a drug addict, physically destroyed by a wild life,
drinks champagne with her prostitute mother and, murmuring "I
want to die", calmly pulls out the
oxygen tubes that are allowing her
to breathe. If Barge's Marie had
told us at the evening's start that
this, was the most enviable and
"beautiful" death she could recall, I
might have been sick. By then I believed her — and was moved.

Brief Candle, though well staged by Stella Quilley, is a more conventional example of diary-drama. Celia White is another Marie, Marie Bashkirtseff, a Russian aristocrat whose all-round talents and energies were outrageously precocious but who found the fame she craved only when her journals were published after her death from TB in 1884. If Carlo Ardino's script is to be trusted — and it comes across as doggedly conscientious — she was warned off marrying a would-be priest by the Holy Father himself, had an amusing encounter with the King of Italy and an eccentric correspondence with Maupassant, and was winning prizes for her paintings when the Grim Reaper struck.

ings when the Grim Reaper struck. White, though lacking quite the electricity the role needs, is a most appealing Marie, and Quilley defies Old Father Time by playing everyone from a lovelorn lad to a canny, quavering Pope. But is the prodigy interesting enough or Ardim's evocation of her sufficiently imaginative to justify her resurrection on an English stage today? There I have my doubts.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE



Nina Conti in Intimate Death, Mick Gordon's London staging of the journals of a Paris psychologist

# An early night

DARTING between an assortment of old men, bold servants and rapscallions on the streets of Modena the following events occur: a girl twin, whose brother is supposed lost, loves a young nobleman and, in order to be near him, disguises herself as a boy and becomes his page; the nobleman thinks he loves another and uses the page to carry messages to this other lady, who

messages to this other lady, who promptly falls for the messenger. Sounds familiar? Yes, this is the source of Shakespeare's Twelfth Night, written 70 years earlier in Siena. The route travelled by the Lelia, Flamminio and Isabella of Gli

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Ingannati on their way to becoming Viola, Orsino and Olivia is a matter best left for scholars. Does

the original hold the stage today? Probably. The sexual shenangans are far bolder than anything to be found in Shakespeare. Syphilis must have been ravaging Italy at the time but a jovial air of enjoyment runs through the play, and Christopher Cairns translates (I carnot say how literally) into lively colloquial talk.

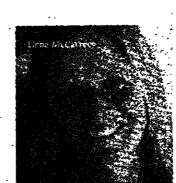
Kenneth Rea has described in

these pages the hazards a producer/ director must overcome to mount a show of this sort, and these may account for the patchwork success of his production. The design applies the old street-with-doors format to the 1920s but then leaves the actors to walk about a bit, to bring some animation to a scene. This is all right when action is developing, as in Chrissie Cotterill's outwitting of a Spanish soldier on the erotic make (a funny Stephen Ventura). but areas where the past is being unfolded hang heavy. A brave endeavour, then, like plums in a pudding that hasn't quite cooked.

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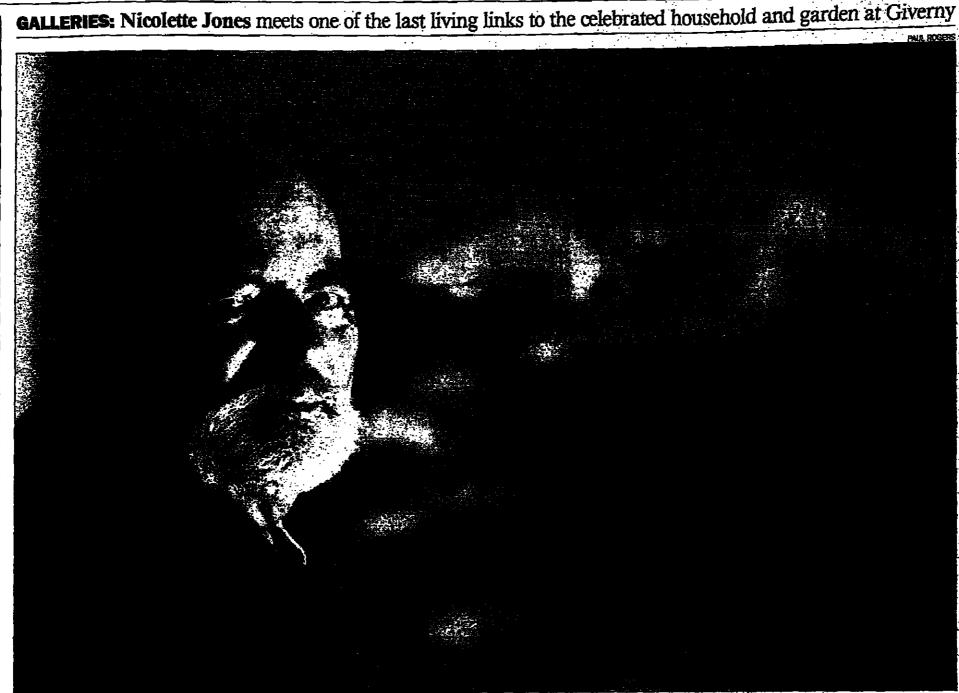
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A life devoted to preserving the heritage of a genius: Jean-Marie Toulgouat in front of his step-great-grandfather's paintings at the Royal Academy's Monet in the 20th Century show

#### s the current Royal Academy exhibition earns Claude Monet yet more admiration, one man finds himself cast again in the role of Guardian of the Monet Heritage. He is Jean-Marie Toulgouat, who never met Monet but has more personal knowledge of his world than most. Toulgouat spent his childhood visit-

ing Monet's house at Giverny. It must have been an extraordinary household. His great-aunt, Blanche Hochede-Monet, was Monet's step-daughter by his second marriage to Alice Hochede, who died in 1911. e, moreover, was also Mo daughter-in-law, wife of Monet's son Jean, who died in 1914. After this, Blanche became Monet's housekeeper and secretary until his death in 1926, and continued to occupy the celebrated house for the rest of her life.

Toulgouat — Monet's step-greaterandson - lived with his parents 150 metres from his great-aunt. His grandmother was Suzanne, another of Alice's six children by her first marriage, who moved in with Monet when Alice did. Suzanne died when Toulgouat's mother was only one year old, which prompted Monet to show considerable kindness to the little girl.

Toulgouat is not a blood relation. then, but journalists would like him to be. Indeed, one suggested fancifully that he might be Monet reincarnated, because he was born in 1927, nine

# High priest of the Monet cult

goodwill of light on nature. This and worked — because he could not it has been enhanced for the public to grimace, with a hint of uneasiness: "I am interested in Indian mysticism."

he admits, apparently in jest Toulgouat visited his great-aunt almost daily when he was little, not least because she would give him chocolate. Nobody talked much about Monet to him then. "But we were completely in the environment of Monet. Nothing was changed, because Blanche didn't want to move anything from how it was when Mon-

Blanche preserved the furnishing and decoration, observed the household routine he had established, and continued to cook the food he liked. Toulgouat now finds himself the source of recipes for what Monet used to eat. Young Jean-Marie played in the garden that Monet had planted, and in a house that was full

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oulgouat laugh and make a living from his painting — as ensure that there is colour all year goes on show at the Francis Kyle Galan architect and in garden design. It was only later, when he had married a Monet historian and was living in Paris, that he and his wife decided to return to live in the family house in Giverny, close to Monet's, embracing a connection that was both a privilege and also (when he feels it eclipses his own identity) a burden.

> ogether, in the 1970s, they helped his uncle, James Butler, to draw out the plans of the garden in Monet's day. With this assistance it was restored, after ten years of neglect by the French Academy (to whom Monet's other son Michel had left the house). with money from the Giverny Foundation in America and Lila Wallace

of Reader's Digest. The garden is not, Toulgouat conround. In Monet's day, parts were sometimes not in bloom. Much had been lost when the resto-

ration began, but more could have been destroyed. Toulgouat recalls how, when he was 13 and France was occupied. Blanche wrote to the Nazi headquarters in Paris, pleading that the house be untouched. "Two days later, German officers arrived in a car - Blanche was a bit afraid - and they said: 'Madame, we got your letter. The house will be out of bounds." A sign on the gate forbade German soldiers to enter. The restraint is remarkable, given Goering's reputation for appropriating pictures and the fact that Monet's collection included Cézanne, Sisley, Pissarro and De-

Monet was not the only influence. on Toulgouat's painting. He was the American Joan Mitchell, who lived near by. What's more. Toulgonat's father (a poultry farmer) had Surrealist friends, and Giverny was

always a mecca for artists.

Toulgonat 'studied painting in'
Nice, and at first his work was Cubist and abstract, parity in reaction to the (by then) unfashionable Impression-ism. Now, just as he came home physically, he has come back to doing work that consciously refers to Monet, with perhaps the more brilliant palette of Matisse, but with a decorative style of his own. His work, which lery in London in May, is not Monet imitation. But he still paints the gar-

den and the lily pond. Perhaps this is asking for trouble for inevitable disappointment and unhelpful comparisons. But Toulgouat came back to the style, he says, through his love of nature. And as for the subject: perhaps Monet has made us all want to paint the hily pond.

Toulgouat used to own one of Monet's paintings. It was a picture that featured Blanche painting and his grandmother, Suzanne, reading. He sold it in order to go back to live at Giverny, and to give up his office work. "I sold in order to be a painter," he says. No doubt Monet would have understood.

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# The best from Barstow

SALOME isn't quite the same without the head on the pla ter. Or is it? Those who had been disappointed that noting ing in Opera North's Richard Strauss gala evening was to be staged were recknning with out the extraordinary and age less talent of the soprano Jose phine Barstow. At the end of this concert she gave one of the finest performances of her car reer in the final scene from

No growing drama of infatir ation had prepared her for it, no physical Dance of the Seren Vells had led up to it, other than in the vividly imagined choreography of the English Northern Philharmonia conducted by Opera North's DNA sic director, Steven Sloane. Yet, Barstow was there, in her own imagination, under that vast moon, pleading first like

child, then with the dignity of one who has made her final decision, for the head of lokanaan. Barstow's only nod tothe histrionic art was in the slightest inclining of the body as she leant forward as if to listen for the moment of execution. And then a single, light touch of the lip with her fingertip as she contemplated her first kiss.

Everything else was concentrated in the voice: a basso profundo of defiance against her mother, the bright, feverish gleam unique to Barstow's Salome as speech and song fuse; the silver centre of a single high note as the Geheim-nis der Liebe, the secret of love is glimpsed. Barstow was ably supported by Stuart-Kale's fiercely animated Herod and Carole Wilson's formidable Herodias.

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The English Northern Philharmonia had, of course, been working towards this point all evening. The keening principle pal-oboe inseparable from the hauming lunar palette of Salome had already shown his mettle at the Presentation of the Rose in an orchestral suite from *Der Rosenkavalier*. Maddeningly, we were not told who did the cut-and-paste job, which was actually more of an affectionate, old-style scrapbook of reminiscences of the opera. Some of the scraps were, indeed, a little ragged round the edges, but Sloane judged to a nicety the spread of schmalz required for the succession of waltzes.

And earlier, a smaller section of the orchestra sharpened their wits for Strauss's own orchestral suite. Le bourgeois gentilhomme, played with due regard for both its merriment and its melanholy.

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San Francisco sparkle

Elvis is back!



Mercury Rev's Jonathan Donahue: reluctant frontman with charisma to spare at the Astoria last Thursday

Sublime

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taneous flair yet sounded just right, and

they kept orchestra and audience alike on

the edge of their seats: a refreshing change

from the way in which the same cadenzas are routinely trotted out. Most significant-

ly, the fragile sound of the fortepiano he

played (a modern copy of a late 18th-centu-

ry instrument) drew the ear in, giving the

Levin used the instrument's tone, dusky

histening experience extra intensity.

# Maximum revs

f the two dozen or so acts that performed at the Astoria last week under the NME Carling Premier Shows banner, none has been talked up by media taste-makers more vigorously than Mer-cury Rev. Their fourth album, Deserter's Songs, a delicate and at times wilfully eccentric collection of dispatches from the American rock underground, was heaped with critical praise out of all proportion to its artistic and commercial achievements and, after ten years of erratic manoeuvring. the band from Buffalo, New York, has found itself in the full glare of the spotlight.

On Thursday Mercury Rev responded with an unexpectedly forceful performance that mixed the mournful mood and edgy dynamics of contempo-raries such as Radiohead and Spiritualized with the gran-deur of progressive rock giants including Neil Young and even Pink Floyd. It was, in short, one hell of a show.

Apart from a rather flat reworking of Nick Cave's Into My Arms and a raging encore of John Lennon's Isolation. the set was divided equally between material from Deserter's Songs and the band's first album. Yerself is Steam, re-leased in 1991. Exuding a studious air of application, the six musicians pushed off with Goddess On A Hiway.

"ELVIS tickets!" the touts were yelling, do-ing a brisk trade which they were denied in the king's lifetime. Presley set foot in Britain but once and briefly, when his plane refuelled here in 1960. This arguably made the "virtual Elvis" show his British debut — Presley's digitally enhanced image on a huge screen and his youthful voice accompanied live on stage by his now ageing former band and one-time

backing singers.
Natalie Cole had no idea what she was starting when she recorded the first beyond-the-grave duet with her late father eight years ago. This was the second coming not quite made flesh but as eerily close as you can get. The celluloid Presley intro-duced his old sidemen and there they were, grey and whiskery, but sounding just as they always did. Play it, James, Presley told his legendary guitarist in one marvellous moment during Heartbreak Hotel, and Burton, now 59, obliged with a

Whether this hybrid form qualifies as genuine live entertainment is another mat-

Although singer and guitar-ist Jonathan Donahue looked a reluciant frontman, he was not without charisma, and his high, fragile voice lent a poignant twist to The Funny Bird Mercury Rev/ Shack Astoria, WC2

and Tonite it Shows. Key-board players Adam Snyder and Dave Fridmann added the majestic sounds of mellotron and other embellishments to the mix but, for the most part, the nuances of the recorded versions were discarded in favour of a bold rock'n'roll dynamic, and numbers such as Frittering and Car Wash Hair were memorable as much for the cyclonic soloing of lead guitarist Grasshopper as for their undoubted

As the band cruised towards the monumental climax of Opus 40. a juddering light-show lent visual drama to a show which plainly marked out Mercury Rev as one of rock's new heavyweights.

Shack, who played earlier, have languished on the mar-gins of British pop for many years. Led by singer Michael Head, formerly of Liverpudlian under-achievers the Pale Fountains, they played pop-literate songs involving pleasantly chiming electric and acoustic guitars and a sound sense of melodic purpose. But, like so many of the bands granted the unaccustomed exposure of a Premier Shows gig, they seemed a little out of their depth in a venue of this size.

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ter. True, pianist Glen D. Hardin, bassist Jerry Scheff, drummer Ronnie Tutt and Burton were real enough. Yet all eyes were fixed on the big screen while the band recreated their performances of almost 30 years ago around Presley's recorded voice, an exercise in precision rather than inspiration. It had impact, but no more so than a good IMAX film.

The costume changes indicated that the footage carne from half a dozen early 1970s concerts, several of the performances from

the documentary Elvis - That's The Way It Is. At the time Presley was in good shape, slim and smoulderingly handsome. He was also undergoing a musical renaissance with songs such as In The Ghetto and Suspicious Minds, which gave the first half of the show real punch. The big early hits such as Hound Dog and Love Me Tender, delivered in cabaret style, were mostly kept for after the interval.

Towards the end Presley told his audience: "Turn the house lights up, I'd like to take a look at you." It was as if he was talk-ing directly to us, and the screen switched to the Wembley crowd - not just a virtual Presley concert but an interactive one, too. And so are all our yesterdays about to be digitally transformed into the brave new future of live entertainment? The sellout audience's enthusiasm proved that the market for such unashamed nostalpia is boundless. The hologram Hendrix and

the cyber Sinatra will surely be coming to

a concert hall near you soon.

**NIGEL WILLIAMSON** 

# Root-and-branch revelations

The singing of America is something Michael Tilson Thomas has always taken on with a Whitmanesque zeal. His recent vears at San Francisco have seen him commissioning and performing American composers, as well as writing himself. At the start of their European tour it was a case of West. meeting East - from sea to shining sea, as it were - as the

I rom the Heart may be the title of

zart, but there can also be no better

the South Bank's celebration of Mo-

way of describing the playing in this latest instalment of the series. A display of infec-

tious high spirits from the Orchestra of

the Age of Enlightenment proved that

there are still musicians out there who

love their jobs: reassuring at a time when the woes of orchestral life are being re-

But then the music was sublime: three

late works of Mozart. It inspired the play-

ars really to listen to one another in what mounted to large-scale chamber music-

making. In the two piano concertos we

heard - both dating from 1786, the Figuro

year - the orchestra gathered round the soloist, Robert Levin, whose position cen-

tre-stage and facing out helped to increase

the communicativeness of the perfor-

In keeping with the practice of Mozart's

day, Levin also directed from the key-

board. As one of the foremost authorities

on Classical style, his instinctive grasp of

the idiom is matched by very lew pianists

today. His improvised cadenzas had spon-

vealed even on television.

Ives's Three Places in New England. These idiosyncratictone poems, with their fearless cross hatching of metre and texture, immediately put an orchestra, and its audience on their mettle. The slow march of the black

troduced itself with Charles

regiment commemorated in The Saint Gandens in Boston Common starts so quietly, with its fragments of figures



long distance, that Tilson Tho, mas seemed for several seconds to be conducting thin air. And The Housatonic at Stock-San Francisco Symphony in- coming into focus as from a bridge depicts the great slow

river in a mesmerising pattern- Prokofiev ing of rhythmic undercurrents and irregular eddies of phrasing. Both here, and as one band collides with another in the central July 4 piece, Puttnam's Camp, Tilson Thomas seized the momentum behind every shifting rhythm; and his orchestra responded

with swiftness of ensemble. Tilson Thomas is, of course, as Russian in his roots as he is

lower down and twinkling in the upper register, to bring out details often missed in the scores. He and the orchestra captured all the bittersweet ambiguity of the Piano Concerto No 24 in C minor, K491: at moments such as the third movement's shy opening, a real sense of mystery hung over the music, keeping the eventual path of the music a surprise. In the 25th Concerto, K503 in C, they found a perfect balance between the music's playfulness and gran-deur, with both coming together in the lively dance of the finale.

The Symphony No 39 in E flat, K543, was only slightly less compelling, and perhaps because Levin is more at home behind a keyboard than in front of an orchestra. His conducting may be unconventional, but he found the structure of a work which moves from muted emotions to high spirits. As with the others, this score was illuminated by the OAE's gossamer playing: ironically, the homogenous textures of a modern-instrument performance would have made the music sound

much more old-fashioned than it did here. JOHN ALLISON

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Prokofiev provided the evening's blockbuster. This was an epic reading of the Fifth Symphony. Where the music became ever more expansive, the playing, thrillingly, grew still more densely concentrated in its energies.

The strings were never tempted by opulence: rather. their bright, ripe sound articulated the music's high fever; and in the elegiac slow movement tuned into the plangency of this orchestra's meticulously blended woodwind. The sardonic scherzo and the desperation behind the apparent high spirits of the finale could, per-



Tilson Thomas: packed a powerful punch

haps, have bitten with sharper teeth. Tilson Thomas preferred to nack punches rather than to conjure terror, but this was a performance of superbly sustained power.

The evening's solo show-piece was Mendelssohn's Vio-lin Concerto played by Gil Shaham. A robust but somewhat unstable and erratic performance was redeemed by Shaham's first-movement cadenza and his slow movement, both of them unusually searching in their thoughtful shaping of suspense and of song.

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# Shaken and stirred by Paddy

Ashdown's announcement leaves

Labour protesting too much

ony Blair has spent the month since Peter Mandelson's resignation claiming that nothing has really changed. New Labour modernisation is continuing as before. Similarly, we are now told, Paddy Ashdown's departure will not affect Labour-Liberal Democrat co-operation and their aim of making the Centre Left the dominant force in British politics. But the very frequen-cy and force with which such claims are made reveals how

unsure the Blairites now are. There is a temptation to link the two departures and to regard Mr Ashdown as the fourth victim of the Mandelson affair. That is too glib. The story began with the report in late October of the Jenkins Commission on Electoral Reform. While Mr Blair welcomed its broad thrust, his response was cooler than leading Liberal Democrats expected. This partly reflected the hostility of many in the Cabi-net and on the Labour back benches. An early referendum on electoral reform has therefore looked increasingly undled extension of Labour-Lib Dem co-operation was badly received in both parties and put Mr Ashdown on to the

All this happened before Mr Mandelson's resignation. He was the leading Cabinet advo-

cate both of new Labour and of co-operation, and his departure fuelled speculation about a shift away from new Labour. Mr Blair has quickly underlined his intention to stick to new Labour policies. In particular, there have been announcements on education that have directly challenged failing local education authorities and schools by propos-

ing the involvement

of outsiders, including private

Mr Blair has also reaffirmed his political strategy. He reacted to John Prescott's rumblings about links with the Lib Dems by initiating an extension of co-operation to European security and de-fence policies. That was also done in the knowledge of Mr Ashdown's announcement last Wednesday. Despite his earlier decision for family reasons, I still wonder whether, if the Government's response to the Jenkins report had been more positive, and Mr Mandelson's departure had not removed a key ministerial ally. Mr Ashdown might not have been persuaded to stay on longer. Everything would also have looked different if Labour had had a majority of 50 or fewer and Mr

Downing Street has repeatedly said that co-operation will continue and may even extend to areas such as pensions. No likely successor to Mr Ashdown is going to repudiate his strategy, however sceptical they sound during the leadership contest. Mr Ashdown has talked as if the battle is as good as won and his successor will lead his party into government after the next election. He has certainly taken his party a very long way in the past 11 years, but the future direction is less certain. Many

Blair had formed a coalition

with the Lib Dems.

in both parties are hostile and there is little appetite for a big leap forward this side of the election. Moreover, as Mr Ashdown admitted yesterday. he and Mr Blair differ over long-term aims. Mr Ashdown looks to a pluralist politics of co-operation between separate parties based on proportional representation. But Mr Blair talks about a "Big Tent" inclusiveness in which new Labour embraces the whole Centre Left, ending the centu-

ry-old schism between the Labour and Liberal traditions. Mr Blair remains clear in his strategy, but unsure tacti-cally, especially with the departure of two close allies. He is also ambivalent about the Lib Dems. He respects Menzies Campbell, who has a high reputation on foreign and defence affairs, though Downing Street's approval would not help his leadership chances, or those of Charles Kennedy, However, if anyone else became leader. Mr Blair might listen more to his advisers, who argue that it is not worth wasting time on such an unreliable and selfrighteous bunch. Instead, new Labour should reshape the Centre Left on its own. But, in the long term, that ignores the continuing strength of old Labour and the possible need

after the next election for the

support of the Lib Dems against a revived Tory party. However, perhaps the most potent political factor remains Europe and the promised referendum on a single currency. That would bring Labour and the Lib Dems together with the minority

pro-European Tories under a centrist umbrella. The odds are still that a referendum will not be held until

after the next election. Mr Mandel-

son was the Cabinet's most public advocate of getting ready for entry, but his departure has been partially offset by Robin Cook's shift from his earlier scepticism. I predict that one of the big political stories of the year will be Cook's re-emergence as a major player, on both Europe and these broader political issues, on both of which he is

now closer to the modernisers than his old allies on the Left. Mr Blair faces growing pressure to make public his private belief that it is a question of when and how, not if, Britain enters the euro. That is necessary both to persuade business to prepare and to help to swing public opinion behind entry. (The latest poll shows a drop in opposition since the launch of the euro.) A revealing indicator will be the ianguage used when the Government unveils the National Changeover Plan in mid-Feb-

ruary. Mr Blair and Gordon Brown have not yet decided on the precise emphasis. Blairism has been more shaken than its leader would admit. But Mr Blair now has a chance to show that his political strategy, as well as his policies, remains on course. Boldness on the euro would not only strengthen Britain's position in Europe but would also reshape the political land-

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scape at home.



# Cromwell, where are you?

n January 30, 1649, King Charles I was beheaded on a platform, just out-side the Banqueting House, in Whitehall; on January 21, 1793, King Louis XVI was guillo-

tined in what is now the Place de la Concorde; on July 16, 1918, Tsar Nicholas II was shot in the House of Special Purpose at Ekaterinburg. The killing of the King was the climax of each of the three great revolutions of modern Europe. Each death has had a long historic resonance: the English revolution not only influenced the other two, but laid the ideological foundation for the American Declaration of

Independence. Like the killing of the Austrian Archduke, Franz Ferdinand, on June 28, 1914, in Sarajevo, the execution of Charles 1 is an event in a history we are still living. Gilbert Burnet, the 17th-century historian who was to become Bishop of Salisbury, was only five years old when the King died;

nevertheless, his judgment of the conduct of Charles is the classic expression of a common contemporary view. Burnet was later to give the sermon at the Coronation of William and Mary, after the Revolu-\*The King himself showed a calm and a composed firmness which

amazed all people; and that so much the more, because it was not natural to him . . . it was owing wholly to somewhat within himself that he went through so many indignities with so much true greatness, without disorder or any sort of affecta-tion. Thus, he died greater than he had lived; and showed, which had often been observed of the whole race of the Stewarts, that they bore misfortune better than prosperity. "His reign, both in peace and

war, was a continual succession of errors; so that it did not appear that he had a true judgment of things. He was out of measure set on following his humour, but unreasonably feeble to those whom he trusted, chiefly to the Queen. He had too high a notion of the regal power, and thought that every opposition to it was rebellion. He minded little things too much. and was more concerned in drawing a paper than in fighting a

The great 17th-century issues at the root of the Civil War are not dead; most of them are not even sleeping. When they killed Charles I. the republicans thought and the monarchists feared that that was an The Lord Protector left a bloody legacy, but at this time of constitutional ferment we need another man of destiny

end to the monarchy, that there would never again be a King of England. Most people would have

been amazed to learn that the monarchy would be restored and would then survive for 350 years. Yet English republicanism is also still alive. The abolition of the hereditary principle in the House of

Lords leaves the monarchy as the only hereditary part of the

British constitution. The close link between King and Lords was demonstrated in i649; the Lords were abolished by

Cromwell only five

days after the King

The Civil War English matter. There were really three civil wars, an English one, an Irish one and a Scottish one. They had their own character and at every stage, they interacted. Charles would not have had to call

a Parliament in 1640 if the Scots had not defeated him in the Second Bishops' War, they had even occu-pied Newcastle and Durham. He would not have ended in Cromwell's hand if the Scots had not surrendered him in 1646; they sold him for £400,000. As Charles was King of Scotland, this is a transaction of which Scottish historians are still ashamed. From Strafford's administration in Ireland to Cromwell's genocidal suppression of the Irish revolt, Ireland, like Scotland, was essential to the

and ominous in 1999. If Charles had been prepared to hand over powers to Parliament, he could have saved his life, right down to the last months. He was distrusted because he was thought too close to the Roman Catholic European powers; his dominant wife was a French Catholic of Italian descent. The constitutional issues of 1649 included the future of the monar-

struggle in England. Both these

national issues remain unresolved

chy, the future of the House of Lords, the powers of the House of Commons, relations with Europe and the national independence of Ireland and Scotland. On these issues, men felt passionately enough to kill and to be killed.

All of these are still constitutional issues in 1999; Ireland at least has been a life-and-death issue for most of the past 30 years. They have a fatal energy about them; Europe had the force to split the Conserva-

tive Party in the late 20th century, as Ireland split the Liberal Party in the late It is natural that

parties should form. flicts. These are the things people care for most in politics. In the 17th century the question of loyalty could be expressed in this way: does one owe loyalty to King or Parliament, to monarchy or to the will of the people? Now the immediate conflict of

loyalty is between Europe and Britain, or perhaps between Europe and England; the Eurosceptics say it is a conflict between bureaucracy and democracy.

There is also the conflict between the independent nation and any larger allegiance. Cromwell broke Scotland, politically and militarity, and that provided the basis for the Act of Union, 50 years after his death. Yet Scotlish independence is again a growing cause. Even more brutally, Cromwell broke Ireland; it was not for 270 years that Irish independence was regained. These national loyalties cannot be eradicated; in the end the grass grows through the concrete.

When politicians have to deal with these explosive forces, which decide the future of nations and dwarf the ordinary scale of political life, a particular kind of leader is likely to emerge, someone with an immense appetite for power, a capacity for ruthless action, a

soaring confidence in a personal destiny and, quite often, a genius for duplicity. All of these qualities were possessed by Cromwell, none of them by Charles I. Both men were willing enough to deceive, but Cromwell deceived successfully, repeatedly playing off Presbyterians against Independents, Parliament against Army. Charles was an amateur of deception, ever more deeply mistrusted.

Oliver Cromwell was a horrible great man. Charles was a noble, silly, weak King. The Irish still remember and detest Cromwell for his massacres. After 3,000 people had been killed at Drogheda, on Cromwell's orders to take no prisoners, he commented that it was "a ers, he commented that it was a righteous judgment of God upon these barbarous wretches. Even the Irish genocide has a modern echo: another military dictator, Augusta Pinochet, is alleged to have killed 3,000 people in Chile. Perhaps we should extradite Cromwell's statue to Spain, rather than leaving it to stand outside the Parliament he

In the 1640s the whole tempo of English politics accelerated, as it did in France after 1789, or in Russia after 1917. Leaders emerged, proved inadequate and were swept aside. Some could survive the floodtide of events for a year or two, only to disappear. The weak King had chance after chance to avoid the catastrophe. He could take none of them. In the end, it was the strong man, who saw himself as the man of destiny, who prevailed. Yet at an unforgivable price in

o one supposes that Britain, at the end of the 20th century, is about to experience another revolution. But the issues which confront British politicians are again revolutionary ones, the break-up of the United Kingdom, integration with Europe, the shift of sovereignty away from the House of Commons. The social situation is not revolutionary, or even pre-revolutionary, but these constitutional issues have an energy which can destroy the calculations of rational politics. In the coming years, we shall see who can breast this tide. He will need to be much more of a Cromwell than a Charles; he will need to be better at fighting battles than at crafting

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# Prime sauce

FIRST we have Jeremy Clarkson as Tory transport spokesman; now a cookery presenter is advising the Government on the arts. Loyd Grossman, who drawls affectedly on Masterchef, Through the Key-hole and other televisual epics, will sit on a new Design Group examining the future of libraries and museums. The move follows news that Clarkson will be hired to rail about the Government's roads policies. Grossman will help Chris Smith, Culture Secretary, to "pro-mote wider access" to archives and collections. Smith must have been attracted by Grossman's work advertising pasta sauce.

• YOKO ONO has been making peace, not war, with the Lennons. Inga Pedersen, adopted out of Lennin, was omitted from the singer's will. Now Yoko — who has a bracing relationship with most of his clan — is keeping Inga sweet by sending her food hampers.

Boot camp GAZZA could be going up to university. Johan Cruyff, the former Dutch international footballer, is setting up a college for ageing sports stars, designed to guide them away from the "George Best retirement route". Cruyff (pictured left) wants to help them over the black hole which opens when



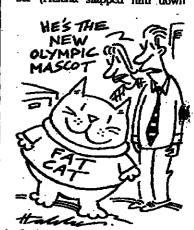


they run out of puff: his Netherlands centre will offer courses in marketing, management and sports journalism, and Gascoigne, 31 (right), is an ideal Fresher. Says my source at the university: "It will . . keep him out of trouble - if he avoids the student bar."

 Grandee back-scratching. Lord Goodman and Lord Kissin, the moustachioed bounder, took care of each other. Goodman, the late political fixer accused of plundering Viscount Portman's fortune, helped Kissin to fend off a takeover bid for his merchant bank in the late Eighties; Kissin returned the favour by paying the rent on his Portman Place flat until Goodman's death in 1995.

# Sit Vac

OUR most prominent female bar-rister is fighting the Foreign Office for money. Baroness Kennedy of the Shaws chairs the British Council, and wants to award a fat-cat salary to its next Director-General: the FCO, which gives the council £133 million a year, is resisting. The DG's job has lain vacant since David Drewry resigned in November (Helena slapped him down



after he tried to remove the senior board of management) and she wants to "reward experience" with £120,000 a year. The FCO is wary. Says my mole: "Anything over E100,000 is excessive."

● SNP spinners have an apt spot to slake their thirst. The party's media centre in Edinburgh is next to Fibber Megee's pub: named after "someone who never told the truth and always had a tale".

## Lifer

TOFFS by the back door. The editor of Burke's Peerage applauds Tony Blair for keeping Europe's oldest traceable family in the Lords: Onora O'Neill, the Principal of Newnham College, Cambridge, who was recently created a life peer, can trace her lineage back, through the High Kings of Ireland, to AD360. The O'Neills are descended from Eocho Mugmeden, King of Tara," gushes Charles Mosley. It's good to see new Labour giving our older fami-

JASPER GERARD

# 'This is a God-forgotten place,' the Russians are fond of saying, and it is sometimes hard to disagree with them

ussia has been famous for many centuries as one of the world's worst offenders as far as almost every kind of human degradation goes. Travellers as far back as the 10th century have described Russians as animals and have been terrified by Russians' inhumanity to Russian Konrad Bussow, a German merchant living in Moscow, wrote awe-stricken of the horrors of the 1601-04 famine. This period was one of the many in Russian history known as "the time of troubles", but how troublesome does a time have to be for people to abandon the very features that make them human? "But I swear by God that in Moscow I saw, with my own

eyes, people who rolled in the

streets and, like animals, are

grass during the summer and

hay during the winter. Some of

those who died had hay as well

as human excrement in their

mouths. Parents killed, pre-pared, and cooked many of their children; children did the same with their parents: hosts with visitors; and visitors with hosts," wrote Bussow. Admittedly things are not

quite as had as this today, but the tabloid press is nonetheless full of tales of barely human deeds. of people who seem to have lost not only their moral values but their very animal instincts. There are mothers ordering

contract killing of their sons, prisoners intentionally infecting each other with tuberculosis and people attempting to sell their unwanted children for dollars. In an experiment with gorillas, some American sadist discovered that if one heats the floor under a mother's feet, she will eventually stand on her child to relieve herself of the pain. Somebody appears to be heating the floor under Russia again.

I met a Russian Jeremy Paxman-type person last week who was in a despairing mood about his country. "I mean, almost animals have it in them to look after their children and to preserve themselves. We seem unable even to manage that," he Although sighed. thought of as a witty

and irreverent character by his viewers, this man uses his humour for a purpose - to prick the pomposity of the politicians he singles out for derision and to highlight the desperate problems of his compatriots. In life, he is serious and genuinely downcast at the state of his motherland.

In some Russian prisons up to two thirds of the inmates suffer from TB. Everybody here knows



are stroked by exasperated hands. This is all quine bad enough, obviously. but now prisoners have begun selling the disease to each other in order to wheedle preferential treat-

ment (by what means, exactly, they infect each other, God knows). "Seriously," nodded the charismatic television presenter

who had brought it up, "it's awful, but it's true. We did a piece about it." The situation in Russian pris-ons is so Dickensianly appalling

that the idea of trying to get ill on-top of the basic problem of trying to survive even in perfect health is unthinkable. This is a god-forgotten place," Russians are fond

about it, heads are of saying, and it is sometimes shaken, eyes are hard to disagree.

Last week yet another heart-Last week yet another heart-wrenching tale of economic hardship in a moral vacuum popped

up — that of a young couple apprehended in the process of selling a baby boy for \$6,500. Yulya Melikhova, 22, and her boyfriend had actually gone all the way from Moscow to Vladimir to collect Melikhova's baby son from the grindingly depressing orphanage in which she had placed him at birth. She feigned a change of heart and love for her the baby and he spent a few days with his mother before she brought him to Moscow, where a 38-year-old male buyer, and thankfully the police,

awaited him. The sale and attempted sale of babies is by no means rare in Russia, and little Roman, Melikhova's son, is now a resident of Moscow Children's Home No. 6

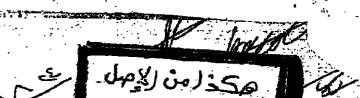
haby taken in over the past year. in Russia's nightmarish or-phanages, which house more than 200,000 children, more than 90 per cent of children have one or both parents living people who voluntarily give up their own children to institutions so awful that an estimated one. million Russian children prefer to live on the streets.

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Westerners like to blame this country's ills on Communism, but Captain Richard Chancellor attests to the fact that Russia and her people have had it bad much longer than that, In 1533, having arrived in Russia by accident. Chancellor made his way to Ivan the Terrible's Moscow. Afterwards he wrote: "In my opinion there are no such people under the sun for their hardness of living." Nothing has changed.

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Sentenced soldiers

Clive Sutton, who was discharged

from the Army following a court case which found that he had killed two pedestrians while drunk-driving. In

1993 he was sentenced to four years'

On September 4, 1992, my son, 18-year-old Peter McBride, was shot dead by two soldiers, Scots Guards

Mark Wright and James Fisher. They

were sentenced to life imprisonment

by a Belfast court but were granted

early release in September 1998.

Despite the murder convictions they

were not discharged from the Army

For some time I have sought

information from the Minister of

State for the Armed Forces as to why

two men convicted in a court of law of

murder have been allowed to rejoin

their regiment. The minister has yet to

give a proper explanation to my

A soldier convicted of a drunk-driv

ing incident involving loss of life is

discharged. Two soldiers convicted of

murder are allowed to continue

serving in their regiment. Some lives

are clearly worth less than others,

despite the judgment of a court of law.

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and remain serving soldiers.

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JEAN MCBRIDE,

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January 20.

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Orchestra finances

From Mr Raymond Gubbay

Sir. It is good to note that the Asso-

ciation of British Orchestras (ABO)

has finally woken up to what many of

us have known for years, that Covent

Garden's ever-increasing Arts Coun-

cil grant has been gained at the ex-

pense of orchestras and other perform-

ing arts organisations, many of whose

finances are, as you report ("Orches-

tra flail 'unfair' Arts Council", Arts,

January 19), in a highly parlous state.

follows expiation of past misdeeds.

Yet Covent Garden has been allowed

to get away with huge accumulated losses for which no public accountabil-

ity has ever been made. Not only has the Arts Council failed to make any

public statement about what has

happened to the £20 million addition-

al grant given to the Royal Opera

House to tide it over the two-year

closure period; it has given the ROH

even more public money, although

the Opera House has cancelled most

ABO members and others can only

watch in horror whilst Covent Gar-

den's avarice continues to cause dam-

age to other rather more modest and

better-deserving recipients of govern-

ment arts funding. Ferhaps the or-chestras should consider cancelling

most of their current seasons, asking

their music directors to threaten

resignation and encouraging some of

their leading players to move en

masse to Japan. Similar tactics seem

to have worked out well for Covent

New Barnet, Hertfordshire EN48RN.

of its current year's work.

A period of rehabilitation normally

continue to serve



# LET BATTLE BEGIN

# Liberal Democrats cannot suspend an election for five months

There will have been many anxious telephone conversations among top Liberal Democrats this weekend, even if silence whas been maintained in public. It is a ltribute to Paddy Ashdown that there are now seven possible contenders considering a bid to replace him. This is more than the total number of Liberals elected to the House of Commons as recently as 1970. But the manner in which this contest is constructed is far less commendable. The candidates are supposed to make no formal announcement and avoid any. personal campaigning until after the results of the elections for the European. Parliament are declared in 20 weeks time. This would be odd in any circumstances. For a party that prides itself on democratic participation it is ridiculous.

The original desire to defer debate is not entirely illogical. The Liberal Democrats are a relatively small organisation and depend upon a limited number of activists. Those resources will be stretched fighting local elections in England, seeking seats in the Scottish parliament and Welsh assembly, all of which will be swiftly followed by the European Parliament ballot. The distraction of a full-blown leadership battle could, it is feared, redeploy manpower and energy at the expense of their electoral prospects. It might also prove a divisive struggle that damages the party's image in

There are, though, more persuasive reasons why Liberal Democrats would be wise to end the phoney war and let their contest commence in earnest. The first is one of simple practicality. Every act and word of the prospective candidates will be analysed over the next few months for some wider meaning. It will hardly help Liberal Democrats at the polls if party luminaries are obliged to be deliberately bland in order to suppress speculation. Shadow campaign organisations will inevitably need to be established and it will be impossible for them to function in secret.

There are also positive virtues for the Liberal Democrats in a lively if lengthy leadership engagement. It will provide plentiful publicity for a party which often complains that it is neglected by the media. As the entire rank-and-file is permitted to choose Mr Ashdown's successor, a membership increase on some large scale might be expected. This would have the further advantage of enhancing party coffers. All this should help in the elections.

There is also a wider issue of public interest. The central question facing Liberal Democrats today is their relationship with the Labour Party. Voters are entitled to know when they cast their ballots this spring whether Mr Ashdown's entente with Tony Blair will continue much as before, be reduced in intensity or abandoned completely. Some voters will approve of the Ashdown-Blair pact and be inclined to back the party on that basis. Others who voted for Labour in 1997 might sense that it renders support for the Liberal Democrats, in protest at some aspect of

government policy since then, redundant. Unless candidates are allowed to set out their stalls it will be impossible to make any estimate of the direction that the Liberal Democrats may be taking. Should a six-month leadership contest be deemed excessive there is an alternative. If Mr Ashdown's resignation were made effective immediately, the entire race for his crown could be completed in six weeks, ending well before the May elections. A fresh figure rather than a lame duck would take the Liberal Democrats into those forays. The first months of Mr Ashdown's leadership were marred by an embarrassing argument over the name of his new party. It would be unfortunate if the last months of his tenure were scarred by an equally slapstick system for succession.

# **GREEN MISCHIEF**

#### If Germany wants an end to nuclear power, it must pay the price

Gerhard Schröder's struggle to forge his increase the emissions of "greenhouse Red-Green coalition into a coherent German Government has until now been complicated more by the Reds, in the restive person of his left-wing rival Oskar Lafontaine, than by the once untameable Greens. Herr Lafontaine's frankly socialist ambitions have seriously embarrassed a Chancellor anxious to pose as a centrist friendly to business. In the bearpit of the new German politics, Joshka Fischer, the Greens leader, has until now behaved commendably by contrast, repaying Herr Schröder's trust and the award of the Foreign Minister's portfolio by muffling his hostility to Nato and enthusiasm for a United States of Europe in a blanket of consensual discretion. The illusion that all was quiet on the Green front may explain why Herr Schröder should seemingly have sleepwalked into a Green ambush over nuclear power.

The Greens, determined to rid Germany of the nuclear power which produces 35 per cent of its energy, have started with a law banning all recycling of German nuclear waste by January 2000. Because this processing is done not in Germany, but by France's Cogema and by British Nuclear Fuels (BNFL), that means cancelling contracts with these companies worth £3

billion and £1.2 billion respectively.

Herr Schröder has little enthusiasm for the Greens' anti-nuclear crusade, and no wonder. Shutting down. Germany's 19 nuclear plants, most of which have 40 years of safe life in them, is likely to cost £30 billion and 150,000 jobs. That is why Herr Schröder hopes to phase it over 20 to 40 years, not by 2004 as the Greens. demand. Nuclear fuel is unpopular in Germany; but so will be the price to taxpayers of decommissioning. The move s also environmentally unsound; cost-effeclive alternatives to nuclear energy will

gases" that Germany is obliged under international treaties to reduce. Germany has no national waste management plan and its plants cannot build secure storage dumps by next January's deadline. To take back the 3,800 tonnes of waste treated in France, plus 30 tonnes of phytonium fuel, will require 40 convoys trundling across Germany. These are the shipments that, in opposition, Greens fought pitched battles to stop. Germany could also have to take back 650 tonnes of treated and untreated nuclear waste from BNFL. These problems are Germany's business;

but its decision to end nuclear reprocessing damages French and British interests too. Germany refuses to accept liability for breach of contract. The Green Environment Minister claims that Germany is absolved by the "act of God" of having changed governments and laws. This displays little more respect for legal principles than the slogan "might is right". which Germany of all countries ought to wish buried deeper than the most toxic

Herr Schröder's claim last week to have read the contracts and found "no cause" for damage claims by companies or governments is unconvincing. Germany's contractual obligations are clear, and onerous. "Sale or return" clauses have been written into the commercial contracts, which are backed by intergovernmental accords which the furious French rightly insist are tantamount to treaties. To hold his coalition together. Herr Schröder may have felt obliged to give way to the Greens. He will pay dearly at home as the consequences become plain. Nor can he escape the international consequences. Backing their industries, Britain and France should insist on exacting every penny that is due.

# 666 AND ALL THAT

#### Most people will prefer the Devil they know

"If I were a painter," mused William. Congreve, "I would draw the Devil like an idiot, a driveller with a bib and bell." Such illustrations will no longer find favour in the Roman Catholic Church. Just days after the Vatican declared that God is "not to be imagined as an old man with a flowing beard", Rome believes it is now. time to remould the Devil's image. Out goes all references to Beelzebub, the Foul-Spirit, the Accursed Dragon or the Master of Deceit. In comes a "more subtle and sophisticated" definition, which recognises that the force of evil lurks in all individuals.

Under various names - the fallen angel, the Lord of Flies, the Lord of Dung, Lucifer - the Devil has been trying to tempt man to reject the way of life and redemption and accept the way of death and destruction. In Genesis, Satan is portrayed as the serpent, tempter of mankind. St Peter warned the Christians of "a roaring lion", while Martin Luther cautioned people to beware of "a silly sheep". At other times in his diabolical career, Old Harry has been appeared as a woodpecker, a blackbird, a leopard and a series of numerals - the most popular being Hell's emergency number, 666. Yet the attributes of the Devil most people recognise were appropriated from Greek gods. Saran was given Pan's prefer the Devil they know.

horns, cloven hoofs, tail and hairy lower body, and Poseidon's trident, and took over Hades's role as Prince of Darkness.

There was good reason to give evil a face. People found it easier to understand and accept an idea when it was manifested in either in animal or human form, rather than expressed as a vague, abstract notion. Hieronymus Bosch's painting of a monster with flaming hair who gobbles up human beings, or Signorelli's grey-skinned creature with a single horn squashing a woman, have a simple aim: to terrify people about the Devil's intentions.

Attempts to reduce the Archfiend to a modern medical concept of "psychological disturbance" are destined to fail. At the end of the 20th century, Lucifer is engrained in popular culture. There is the Devil's dozen. snuffbox, nostrils, four-poster, candlestick, shoestrings and punchbowl. At the last election, Demon Eyes peered down from Conservative election posters, trying to scare voters away from the Prince of Darkness's party. The forces of good are still fighting the powers of evil — Darth-Vader, Blofeld, the Joker, none of whom is the "subtle" definition of evil that Rome now endorses. The Vatican may try to give evil a make-over but most people will

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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# witness protection

From Mr Jon Holbrook

Sir, The Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Bill, now in its committee stage in the Lords, proposes to protect "vulnerable and intimidated witnesses". Much of the clamour for litigation on this issue stems from Julia Mason's lengthy cross-examination by the man who raped her, Ralston Edwards (reports and leading article, August 23, 1996).

In the two and a half years since that celebrated trial hardly any instances of witness intimidation have reached a victim-friendly media. By contrast, the media have been full of cases where witnesses have either lied or been mistaken. Today you report the conviction of a jealous woman who made false rape allegations against six men, and Jonathan Aitken's admission of perjury.

in her letter of January 18, supporting the Bill, Helen Reeves (Director of Victim Support) does not complain about actual witness intimidation. Rather, she refers to witnesses' "perceptions" of the court process. Honest witnesses have little to lear in discharging their public duty by going to court.

The Lords could help get this message across if they threw out those parts of the Bill that seek to protect vulnerable witnesses. Fears grow if they are fed; they shrink if they are challenged.

Yours faithfully, JON HOLBROOK, Freedom & Law, Worldwrite Centre. 14 Theobalds Road, WCIX 8PF. flawman@ednet\_co.uk January 20.

#### From Mr R. W. Farrington, JP

Sir, Ms Helen Reeves would seem to believe that when a woman says she has been raped there should be a presumption that she is telling the truth, which may be tantamount to presuming the guilt of the man charged.

All the special arrangements she advocates are open to a glaring objection, that they will suggest to a jury that the alleged victim has indeed suffered what it is claimed she has suffered. But it is just this that the jury has to decide.

Are we content to slip towards a position in which men charged with rape have to prove their innocence?

Yours truly, ROGER FARRINGTON, 77 Marsham Court, Marsham Street, SWIP 4LA. January 18.

# Millennium flights

From Mr Maurice Fitzpatrick

Sir, Your leader of January 16, "In the millennium hot sear, applauds the insistence by the Chinese Government that senior personnel of the state airline should book themselves on flights straddling the end of the millennium, as an incentive to protect their planes against crashing as a result of the millennium bug (see also letter, January 20). You suggest that Western airlines might do the same.

Such a drastic measure is unlikely to prove necessary since I suspect that few Western airlines will be putting planes in the sky over that period. Even if they were prepared to put passengers' lives at risk (which they are not), such flights would effectively be bereft of full insurance cover.

Some airline insurance companies have already made it clear that their cover will exclude the most common claims, such as the loss of baggage. arising from the consequential effects of the bug (report, December 28, 1998). Their justification is entirely logical: insurance covers unforeseeable risks.

of which the bug is not one.
Unless these problems can be solved, it seems likely that many aircraft will be grounded for a period of unknown length, straddling the arrival of the new millennium. Airlines might like to clarify their bookings policy during that period.

Yours faithfully. M. C. FITZPATRICK. Head of Economics. Chantrey Vellacott DFK. Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, WC1B SLF. January 21.

#### Legal aid reforms

From the Lord Chancellor

Sir, The President of the Law Society ("Cash limit will affect quality of legal aid", Law, January 19) expresses fears that civil legal aid reforms will result in an unacceptable restriction in public choice of legal aid solicitors. Such fears are unfounded.

Today any solicitor, whether he hasthe expertise or not, can run a case on legal aid from beginning to end. The point of my reforms is to give people on legal aid a choice from among about 3,000 quality-assured firms. That compares with the 4,987 offices today which do 92 per cent of legal aid work in value, about 40 per cent of which are not quality assured.

I would somer have legal aid with an assurance of quality than a slightly wider choice without.

Yours sincerely, IRVINE of LAIRG. House of Lords. January 21.

# Caution needed in Practice and theory for nursing

From the Chair of the Royal College of Nursing Council

Sir, In his argument for a separate college of practical nursing fletter. January 19; see also letters, January 12) Dr Max Gammon criticises "the heavily academic bias" of current nursing education. In fact, 90 per cent of student nurses study for a higher education diploma and split their time equally between practice and theory. In pre-diploma days the divide was 60

per cent practice, 40 per cent theory. The introduction of the diploma saw no increase in minimum entry requirements. Increasingly people enter nursing education with vocational qualifications: NVQ/SVQ level 3 or GNVQ advanced, both equivalent to five GCSEs. Many mature students require no formal qualifications.

The diploma was introduced ten years ago because of high dropout rates from nurse training. It was also prompted by the need for nursing education to reflect changes in healthcare. Today over a quarter of nurses work in the community and, given the drive towards primary care, that proportion is likely to increase. Hospitals are also changing, with patients staying for much shorter periods and therefore demanding a higher intensity of specialised nursing care. Nurses in my own field of daycare services need a breadth of knowledge to enable them to practise both in hospitals and the community.

Difficulties exist with the current system, of course. The RCN wants better support for students when they are on placements in hospitals or in the community. Steps must also be taken to ensure that nursing students have acquired all the necessary skills on completion of their course. But simply to call for a return to the old days is unhelpful.

Yours faithfully, DEBBIE MURDOCK, Chair, RCN Council, Royal College of Nursing, 20 Cavendish Square, WIM OAB. January 20.

From Lord Jenkin of Roding and Dr Sir Gerard Vaughan

Sir. We were ministers at the then Department of Health and Social Security when the foundations for what became Project 2000 were laid in the early 1980s, following legislation passed before the 1979 election.

The Briggs report had spelt out the inadequacies of the then existing system of nurse training, which relied on large numbers of nursing students on hospital wards, many, indeed most of whom were little more than cheap

He is accused of using money to gain influence. In fact his influence came entirely from his outstanding ability to negotiate intractable industrial and political disputes and to advise shrewdly on all matters concerning human relations. He handled money matters so seldom and so indifferently that towards the end of his life he astonishingly had to sell his small collection of paintings to help buy his retirement bungalow outside

#### The right stuff?

From Mr Brian Butcher

Sir, I was delighted to read (report, January 13) of Irish schoolgirl Sarah Flannery's award-winning data-protection code. I was particularly pleased that she "had to go through lots of stuff" before achieving success. When quizzed on the content of their school day, my own teenage children regularly admit to doing

Yours faithfully. BRIAN BUTCHER, 69 Honey Lane, Cholsey. Oxfordshire OXIO 9NJ. brian.butcher@rowsehoney.co.uk

#### Bride for the Nineties

Sir, The success of the 98-year-old Chinese man in attracting 11 replies to his "marry me" advertisement (World in brief, January 19) reminds me of the story of a 70-year-old who sought similar good fortune. He asked for advice: "Should I

subtract 20 years from my age?"

Yours sincerely. B. H. PARKER Rook House, Victoria Road, Dartmouth, Devon TQ6 9HD. brian.parker@virgin.net

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#### paichy and too few went on to gain From Mrs Jean McBride degree, or degree-equivalent, qualifi-Sir, On Friday January 15 you carried a report on a former British soldier.

Today's picture is very different. mainly because the needs of the NHS have changed. Far more emphasis is now given to primary care; in 1977 there were only 1,500 nurses working in GPs' surgeries; by 1996 the figure had risen to 18,000. So of course there is more training in the community

labour. Their academic education was

and less in hospitals. For those who work in hospitals, shorter patient stays mean more pressure on staff and there has been a steady call for more clinical responsibility to be given to nurses, leaving doctors free to concentrate on the most

seriously ill patients.
Project 2000 has therefore tilted the balance towards more education on academic subjects with less time for learning practical skills. Yet this must not be exaggerated: the balance today is about 50-50 compared with 60 (practical) 40 (theory) pre-Project

In the light of this we view with some dismay the suggestion by the Secretary of State for Health (report, January 16) that the clock should be put back. This seems to have surfaced in the wake of recent winter pressures on the service, with no regard to the review of nurse education led by the UK Central Council for Nursing, Midwifery and Health Visiting, due to report in the autumn. Nurse education is too important for kneeierk reactions.

Yours etc. PATRICK JENKIN. GERARD VAUGHAN. 28 Ponsonby Terrace, SWIP 4QA. January 20.

#### From Mr Stephen Timmons

Sir, Frank Dobson believes that the academic component of nurse education is putting potential applicants off. Yet the figures you quote suggest the opposite. Degree courses are oversubscribed, while diploma places are unfilled. Five GCSEs (or equivalent) are required to enter a diploma course. Applicants who do not have these can take an aptitude test.

Are poor pay and working condi-tions far more of a disincentive than academic requirements?

He worked professionally for Hugh

Gaitskell. His dealings with Harold

Wilson were unhappy. But he worked

unpaid for Sir Alec Douglas-Home

when asked to undertake tiresome but

important negotiations over Rhode-

Above all, he is accused by his

traducer of dishonesty. He was in fact

distinguished in public and private

life by his strict fidelity to the truth, his

total confidentiality and his scrupulous care in all his dealings. This was

the basis of all his many influential

No doubt, like the rest of us, he made mistakes. In the latter part of

his life he made more mistakes. But

when the details of whatever muddle

he may have become involved in in

his last years are revealed, they seem

highly unlikely to have any serious

relationships.

stroy.

Yours faithfully,

draconian.

DAVID ASTOR.

Yours STEPHEN TIMMONS (Senior Lecturer, Healthcare Practice. Anglia University). 12 River Mead, Bocking. Braintree, Essex CM7 9AX. s.timmons@anglia.ac.uk January 18.

### Goodman's good name

From Mr David Astor. CH

Sir. The wholly unsubstantiated allegations against the late Lord Goodman (reports, January 19; letters, January 21) should not be generally accepted until detailed facts behind them are offered. Meanwhile, it can safely be said that no one who knew Arnold Goodman at all well can recognise him in the terms in which his anonymous ill-wisher has present-

He is alleged to have been devoted to the Labour Party. He never was.

"iust stuff". Is it too late, or can I fill the gap in my own education by taking up this subject now?

From Mr Brian Parker

"No," was the reply, "you would do better if you add 20."

#### effect on his great and real reputation. which this rather cowardly posthumous attack seems intended to de-

24 St Anns Terrace, NW8 6PJ.

Workplace smoking

From Mr Kenneth Torricke-Barton

Sir, Thurrock council's decision (re-

port, January 15) to make smokers work an extra 212 hours a week to

compensate for cigarette breaks is misguided, as well as fashionably

To prevent wasted time, responsible

bosses offer fair workplace smoking

policies. Enlightened ones provide

facilities to enable people to continue

work while smoking. Even the White

Paper on tobacco, Smoking Kills,

published in December 1998, advises

against workplace smoking bans.

with the Government committed to a

code of practice that will accommo-

As Thurrock council chose to ban

smoking, it should compensate smok-

ers for the inconvenience of standing

outside instead of penalising them

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with longer hours.

Co-ordinator,

Deakin Leas,

January 15.

Yours truly, K. TORRICKE-BARTON

Fair Cigarette Tax Campaign),

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From Mrs Janet Weiford Sir, I wonder if any of your readers

Chambers wit

Yours faithfully; RAYMOND GUBBAY,

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Raymond Gubbay Limited.

Garden.

could tell me whether the entry in Chambers (letters, January 12, 18, 19 and 22) under "taghairm" is a joke or is this normal behaviour for people in the Highlands?

Taghairm: n. (in the Scottish Highlands), divination; esp. inspiration sought by lying in a bullock's hide behind a waterfall. Yours faithfully.

JANET WELFORD. 10 Arreton Close, Leicester LE3 2PP. January 24.

From Dr Adrian Seville

Sir. What is not in Chambers may also amuse. In the 1960s, the dictionary had not

caught up with "miniskins". The celebrated crossword compiler Ximenes (D. S. Macnutt) therefore clued the word thus: They should not be looked up in

Yours faithfully ADRIAN SEVILLE, Tudeley House, Royal Parade. Chislehurst, Kent BR7 6NW.

### Liquid intake

January 22

From Mr James Ashley Cooper

Sir, My mother had a great zest for life and much enjoyed giving and going to parties right up to the end of

her 94 year life. In her latter years her doctor advised her to drink more (letters. January 7, 15 and 21) for some complaint. She replied: "But I don't think I can afford to."

JIM A. COOPER. Hexton Manor. Nr Hitchin, Hertfordshire SG5 3JH. email: 100775.117@compuserve.com January 21.

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#### COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM HOUSE January 24: Divine Service was held in St Mary the Virgin Church, Flitcham, this morn-

The Bishop of St Albans preached the Sermon.

#### Lord Denning,OM Sir John Balcombe, Treasurer of Lincoln's Inn. and Lady Balcombe

called upon Lord Denning, OM, at his home in Whitchurch on Saturday to convey affectionate greet-ings from his fellow benchers and the members, students and staff of Lincoln's Inn on the occasion of Lord Denning's 100th hirthday. Dinners

Arbitrators Company Alderman Sir Christopher Walford. Lord Mayor locum tenens. of the Arbitrators' Company held on Friday at the Mansion House. Mr Michael Hinton, Master, presided. Lord Justice Evans. President of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and the Senior War-

den also snoke. Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors

Lord Archer of Weston-super-Mare and Mr Ken Livingstone, MP, were the speakers at a debate at the annual dinner of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors held on Saturday at Grosvenor House. Mr Peter Hobday presided at the debate and Mr Richard Lay. president of the institution, was the

The Western Circuit

The Western Circuit held a Dinner at Inner Temple Hall on January 22 to mark the retirement of Lord Notan and Lord Justice Hutchison, the appointment to the Court of Appeal of Lord Justices Mantell. Tuckey. Chadwick and Laws and the appointment to the High Court Bench of Mr Justice Toulson and Mr Justice Neuberger. The Circuit also drank to the health of Lord Denning, OM, to mark his 100th birthday on January 23.

18 St John Street, Manchester Mr Jonathan Foster, QC, and members of 18 St John Street held a direner on Friday night at Nico Central, Manchester, for Sir Rodney Klevan, their former Head of Chambers, to celebrate his appoint-ment as a judge of the High Court.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** January 23: The Duke of York. Patron in Chief, will attend the Annual Gathering of the BSES at the Royal Geographical Society at Kensington Gore, London SWI.

#### Service dinner

RAF Church Fenton Air Marshal Sir John Day presided at a dinner held on Saturday at the RAF Club to mark the 30th anniversary of the graduation of No 244 initial Officer Training Course at RAF Church Fenton.

#### Sir William

Mars-Jones A memorial service for Sir William Mars-Jones, MBE, LLD, will be held in Gray's Inn Chapel on Monday, March I, at 5pm.

Canford School

Canford has made Sixth Form awards to the following who will awards of the following was a senser the school in September 1999: Sarah Covington, Marie-Louise Craven, Hannah Kemlo, Louise Mathews, Cristina Ponda, Clare Sanderson. Caroline Spencer, Anna Warrington.

**Anniversaries** 

BIRTHS: St Edmund Campion, lesuit martyr, London, 1540; Robert Boyle, chemist. Lissmore, Co Waterford, 1627; Joseph Lagrange, mathematician, Turin, 1736; Robert Burns, poet, Alloway, 1759; Sir Francis Burdett, politician, 1770; William McGillivray, naturalist, Old Aberdeen, 1796; John Arbuthnot Fisher, Ist Baron Fisher, Admiral of the Fleer, Ceylon, 1841; William Somerset Maugham, novelist and dramatist, Paris, 1874; Virginia Woolf, novelist and critic, London, 1882; Wilhelm Furtwan-gler, conductor, Berlin, 1886; Witold Lutoslawski, composer, War-

saw, 1913. DEATHS: Robert Burton, author of Anatomy of Melancholy. Ox-ford, 1640: William Shield, composer, London, 1829; Dorothy Wordsworth, writer, Rydal, Cumbria, 1855; Frederic Leighton, Lord Leighton, President of the Royal Academy 1878-96. Kensington, 1896: Ouida (pseudonym of Louise de la Ramée), novelist, Viareggio, Italy, 1908.

# Nature notes

ON WARM days last week, the first chaffinches were sing-ing, ten days or a fortnight earlier than in most years. over the fields, keeping clear of They sit halfway up a tree. snowy areas they drop down thrusting, their pink chests, to snatch up their prey, which forward; their song is a run of in winter often includes earthbright notes, quickening in pace until it ends in a twirling irish. The first eoldcrests were also singing, both in solitary yew trees and in fir plantations; their song, which is like a very quiet sewing machine at work, is not often heard until March. More song-thrushes have come into song: they are particularly are in flower on lawns, often vocal at dawn and dusk. When they fly down from a tree you

sometimes get a glimpse of the fine orange feathers under their wings. Kestrels hover over the fields, keeping clear of

worms as well as voles. Winter heliotrope that has days quite common at the edge of streams: its lilac flowers are now open, and their scent, like vanilla, attracts early flies. The glossy, spear-like leaves of the bluebells are coming through in damp woods, and daisies among the opening crocuses.



The Duke of Northumberland in front of Almwick Castle, which has been home to the Percy family since 1309

# Millennium partygoers breach castle walls

By A CORRESPONDENT

THE Duke of Northumberland is to make history by renting out his family seat for a millennium party. It will be Revellers may also make use the first time that Alnwick of Syon House, set in 200 acres Castle has been occupied by paying tenants.

The 12th Duke, Ralph Percy, 41, will not be vetting the party organisers: it is assumed that anyone who can afford the

undisclosed, but substantial, fee will be of suitable stock. As well as the castle, which is set in 100,000 acres, the duke has other property to let. Revellers may also make use overlooking the Thames on the southwestern outskirts of

His shooting lodge, Burncas-tle, near Lauder in Berwickshire, will be similarly let. All the money raised will be spent on restoring furniture and fine art in the castle and at Syon

House. Alnwick Castle, home to the Percy family since 1309. is brimming with art treasures. The guests, who may number up to 21, will have full use of the state rooms, which are lined with paintings by Titian, Van Dyck and Turner. They

will also be able to walk in the

grounds, designed by Capabili-ty Brown, and have the oppor-tunity to go foxhuning or pheasant shooting.

According to an advertise ment posted on the Internet, the duke's personal staff will be on hand to assist and welcome guests.
The duke, his wife, Jane, 40,

and their four children will be staying elsewhere in Northum-

# Memorial services

Sir John Stephenson

The Lord Chancellor was represented by Mr James Goudie, QC, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Stephenson, a former Lord Justice of Appeal, held on Thursday at the Temple Church. Canon Joseph Robinson, Master of the Temple, officiated, assisted by the Rev David Paton.

and Mrs Mary Stephenson, daughter, read the lessons. Mr David Stephenson, son, read from John Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress. Mrs Andrew Sykes, daughter, sang Handel's Forever Blessed be Thy HolyName.

The Master of the Rolls, the President of the Family Division and the Vice-Chancellor of the Supreme Court attended. Among others present were:

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The Hon Lady Suphenson (widow), Mr
Andrew Syles Ison-to-law), Mr and Mrs
Nicholas Asharon, Miss Polity Wines, Miss
Lucy Whoes, Daniel Wines, and Amelia and
Manthew Syles, grandchildren, Joseph
Asharol, figura: grandsoul, the Islon; Mrs 1
Paul Asquith (siner-In-law).

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Mr Mervyn Streaticild, Miss Rose Streaticild, Mr Tim Stephenson, Mr Guy Stephenson, Mrs Nicholas Troop, Mr and Mrs
Jongshan Asquith, Mr Rupert Asquith, Mr

son, Mrs Alenbas Troup, for and Ars Jonathan Asquith, Mr Rupert Asquith, Mr and Mrs Christopher Talhot, Ms Alexandra, Asquith, Mr Philippe Wines and other members of the family.

Viscount and Viscountess Hood, the Treasurer of the inner Tentale and Lady Lloyd of Berwick, Lord Broughshance, Lord Sackville, the Downger Lady Cottesloe, Lord Cottesloe, Lady Campbell of Croy, Lord Rawlinson of Swell, Oc. Lord Richardson of Domistourne, KG, and Lady Richardson.

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force, QC, Lord and Lady Dumboyne, Lady Ackner.

force, QC, Lord and Lady Dunboyne, Lady Ackner.

Sir Patrick O'Connor, Sir Brian and Lady Neill, Lord Justice and Lady Swinson Thomes, Sir Robin Dunn, Lord Justice and Lady Saide, Lord Justice Schiemann, Sir Pracis and Lady Purchas, Lady Roskill, Lady Browne, Sir John and Lady Balcombe, Lord Justice Pill, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Pill, Lord Justice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice and Lady Hustice Stuart-Smith, Lord Justice Rose, Lord Justice Evans, Sir Patrick Russell, Lord Justice Thorpe, Lord Justice Sinon Brown, Lord Justice Nourse, Sir David Croom-Johnson, Lady Sarah Wright, Lady June Howard, the Hom Sir Peter Ramsbotham, the Hom Mrs Jean Strutt, the Hom Mrs David Erskine, the Hom Mrs Heima Bayley, the Hom Mrs Hammond-Maude, the Hom Gerard Noel, the Hom Mrs Justice Hogg,

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Justice and Lady Poplewell, Mr Justice and
Lady Summer. Dame Frances CampbellPreston, Sir Coell Clothier, QC, Sir Charles
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Caron Bric James, Mr and Mrs John Grigg, Mr Pear Boydell, QC, Mr Peare Crowder, QC, and the Hon Mrs Crowder, Mr Pear D Post, Mr Gordon Carlord, Mr John Deby, QC, Mr F W E Taylor, QC, Mr J F Williams, QC, Professor and Mrs Anthony Mellows, Mr Harvey McGregor, QC. Mr Echward Nugge, QC, and Mrs Nugge, Mr Derazod O'Brien, QC, Mr Michael de Navarro, QC, Mr Benjamin, QC.

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Mr Alastair Stewart-Richardson (7 Kings Bench Walkt, the Worshipful Migel Seed (Chancelling of the Diones of Leiester), Mr Michael Sherrard (Director, Middle Temple Advocay), Mr Dermod O'Rien, Mr Michael de Navarro, QC, and Mr Benjamin Brusvoe, QC. (2 Temple Gardens), the Reader of Inner Temple, Brigadier Peter Linte (Sub-Treasurer, Inner Temple), and many other friends and former caleagues.

Sir Alexander and Lady

Sir Alexander and Lady Cairneross
A service of thanksgiving for the

lives of Sir Alexander Cairneross. Chancellor of Glasgow University, 1972-1996, and Lady Cairneross was held on Saturday in the university Chapel. The Very Rev Emerius Profes-sor Robert Davidson officiated and

Professor Sir Graeme Davies, Principal, hade welcome. Sir William Fraser, Chancellor, Professor Janet McDonald, Professor of Drama. Mr cross, son, and the Rev John P.

Cubie read the lessons. Professor Sir Laurence Hunter, Professor of Applied Economics, gave an address. Members of the family, friends, former Principals, members of the General Council, the Senate, the University Court and other members of Staff and Students were among those

Mr T.D. Mathew
Requiem Mass for Mr Theobald
David Mathew, a former Windsor
Herald of Arms, was celebrated by
Abbot Christopher, cousin, of Gienstal Abbey, Murroe, County Limerick, on Saturday at Blackfriars,
Oxford, Mr Desmond, Maxwell
and Mr Tommy Mathew, cousin,
read the lessons, Abbot Christopher preached the Homily, Members of the family, friends and
colleagues from the College of
Arms were among those present.

Mr Michael Samuelson A celebration of the life of Mr Michael Samuelson, a special trustee to Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children and a former Chief Barker of the Variety Club of Great Britain, was held yesterday at the Odeon Cinema, Leicester Square.

Leicester Square.

Mr Kriss Akadusi, Mr Barry
Cryer, Mr Chris Eubank, Mr
Patrick Hayes, Mr and Mrs John
Ratcliff, Mr Andrew Sachs, Miss
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Richard Samuelson, Son, Spr Son
rey Samuelson, abrother Miss
Tessa Sanderson, Sir Anthory
Tippet, Mr Bill Weir, Miss Flora
O'Neill, Miss Sara Rhodes and Mr
Keel Watson performed an onstage programme produced and

directed by Mr Ernest Maxin. Among those present were: Members of the family, representa HM Government, the Departm Members of the family, representantes of IAM Government, the Department of Culture, Media and Sport, the British Society of Cinemanographers, the Guild of British Camera Technicians, Solibect, the British Flan Commission, BECTU, BAFTA, the British Board of Flan Classification, the Variety Club of Great Britain. Great Ortsond Street, Hospital for Children, the British Chemanography Scholarship Truss, the National Association for Maserval and Child Welfare, and many other Iriends.

# **Forthcoming** marriages

The engagement is announced

between Peter, younger son of Dr.

J.B. and Dr M.A. Irving, of Bonshaw Tower, Dumirlesshire,

and Maria Begona, only daughter

of Señor and Señora J.A. Sampedro-Perez, of Brussels,

The engagement is announced between Carl, eldest son of Mr and

Mrs Kir Krüger, of Lurgashall Sussex, and Agnes, eldest daughter of the lare Professor Emo

Valencak and of Mrs Valencak, of

and Miss J.M. Montgomery

The engagement is announced

between Nicholas, younger son of Professor and Mrs John Miller, of

Blackheath, London, and Juliana, ..

The engagement is announced between Adam, younger son of the Right Rev William and Mrs Persson, of Marnhull, Dorser, and

Eva. twin daughter of Mr and Mrs ... William Orchard, of Southminster.

The engagement is amounced between Douglas, son of Mr and Mrs Robin Wight, of Edmburgh, and Lesley, daughter of Mr and Mrs David Gairns, of Hong Kong.

The marriage took place on Saturday at Windsor Parish Church of Mr Andrew Hampel, eldest son of Sir Ronald and Lady Hampel, of

Lodsworth, West Susser, to Miss Kate Anthony, younger daughter of Mrs David Rosser, of Windsor, and the late Mr R.B.E. Anthony.

The bride, who was given in marriage by Mr. David Rosser, was attended by Harrier Elton, Elizabeth Elton, Saskia Naylor, Preddie Hampel, Victoria Brewer, George Cullen, Miss Sarah Elton and Miss. Alice, Whately, Mr.

and Miss Alice Whately Mr.

A reception was held at High-clere Castle and the honeymoon

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eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Montgomery, of Bath.

Mr A.J. Persson and Miss E.S.de C. Orchard

Mr D.C.F. Wight and Miss L.A. Gairus

Marriages

Mr ARR Hampel

and Miss K.L. Anthony

Mr C.A. Krüger

Vienna, Austria.

Mt N.L. Miller

and Miss A.I. Valencak

Mr J.M. Ardonin and Miss D.L. McNutt

The engagement is announced between James Matthew, elder son of Mr Julian Ardouin, of Hatch End, Middleser, and Mrs Janet Miles, of Russip Manor, Middlesex and Dany Louise, only daughter of Mr Danny McNutt, of Denham, Buckinghamshire, and Mrs Christina McNutt, of Ruisip, Middlesex.

Mr P.E. Bateman and Miss E.L. Davies

The engagement is announced between Patrick son of Dr and Mrs Nigel Bateman, of Dulwich, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Davies, of Chelsea. Mr H.M.R. Bowles

and Miss R.J. Foster

The engagement is announced between Huse son of the late Mr Donald Bowles and of Mrs Pauline Bowles, of Newbridge, Greent, and Emma, daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas G. Foster, of Colden Common, Hampshire

Dr M.L. Buchanan and Miss K.E. Weston

The engagement is aunounced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs R. Buchanan, of Hodson, Ohio. USA, and Kate, daughter of Dr and Mrs M.E. Weston, of Mrs M.E. Weston, of Needingworth, Cambridgeshire

Mr B.G. Dear and Miss E.J. Bradley

The engagement is announced between Benjamin George, youngest son of the late Mr G.C. Dear and of Mrs. Dear, of Saxby-All-Saints, Lincolnshire, and Emma Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs. P.D. Bradley of Humanusta Mrs R.D. Bradley, of Hunstrete, North Somerset.

Mr J.E. Lascelles and Miss J. Elins Rilwan

The engagement is announced, and the marriage will take place on Sahurday, January 30, 1999, between James Edward Lascelles. of Bayswater, London, and Joy Flias-Rilwan, of Pinelico, London.

Mr C-F. Mejia and Miss A. Salaverria The engagement is announced between Carlos-Felipe, son of Mr and Mrs Carlos Mejia, of Chelsea. London, and Alejandrina, daughter of Mrs Nora Caceres de

Poma, of El Salvador. Mr T.I.W. Head and Miss K.A. Amos

The engagement is announced between Toby, elder son of Lady Lewinton and stepson of Sir Christopher Lewinton, of Lexombe Bassett, Oxfordshire, and Mr. William Head, of Gaucin, Spain, and Kathryn Anne, youngest daughter of Mrs Eva Laing, of Esher, Surrey, and the late Mr Robert Reed Amos, of Sevenoaks.

The marriage took place on Sammay, Jamany 23, 1999, at St. George's, Shoeburyness, of Flight-Lemenant Lee Morgan and Miss. Catherine Filmer

will be spent in India.

Birthdays today

Aquine former Prescript of The Printippines of Sir Tom Arnold, former MP. 52: Mr Raymond Baxter, writer and broadcaster, 77; Rev Dermot Clifford; Archbishop of Casheland Emly, 60; Vice-Admi-ral Sir David Clutterbuck, 86; the Earl of Coventry, 65; Miss En Freud, broadcaster, 37: Mr David Ginola, footballer, 32: Sir Paul Girolami, former chairman, Glavo Holdings, 73: Sir Brian Hayes, former Deputy Commissioner, Metropolitan Police, 59: Professor Sir Geoffrey Lloyd, FBA, Master,

Darvan College, Cambridge, 66; Sir James Mellon, former diplo-mat, 70; Sir David Nicholas, former chairman and chief execu-tive! TIR: 69; Yand Nicholas of Birkenhead, 56; Mir Tom Paulin, poet, 50; Professor D.D. Raphael, philosopher, 83; Air Commodore, A.A. Reed, former director, RAF, Nursing Services, 69; Mr David Nursing Services, 69; Mr. David Shattock, former Chief Constable, Avon and Somerset, 63; Mr Tom Shebbeare, chief executive, The Jubilee Trusts, 47; Miss Angela Thorne, actress, 60; Professor Ed-Thorne, actress, 60: Professor Ed-ward Ullendorff, FBA, Professor Emeritus, Semitic Languages, School of Oriental and African

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BIRTHS HRTZEL - On 1st January 1999 to Alexandra Louise (née Musker) and Simon, a son, William Michael Pantenea a hayther for

PACKE-On 21st January to Aloyse and Andrew, twins James and Katharine (Kitty), a brother and sister for Oliviz and

PuZiO - On January 22nd 1999, at Odstock Hospital, Salisbury, a daughter, Bethany Hannah, to Rebecca (neé Hamilton-Fischer) and Jan.
1999 to Camilla (née
Wynne-James) and
Christopher, a son (Milo
Wynne Merlin), a brother
for Eloise, Jack and Dalsy

DEATHS

ARBER - Nicholas on 20 January, suddenly and unexpectedly, during a short stary in hospital. Beloved husband of Gilly and wonderful father of and wonderful father of 'Adam and Oliver who will miss him forever. Loving son of Pat and dear brother of Mary, William and Robert. Puneral at St Mary's Church, Swinbrook near Burford, Ozon on Friday 29 Ismury at 2.30pm. Family flowers only.

BARKER - On January 20th at Brighton General Hospital after a vallant fight following a stroke, Mary Burch Barker MRE, agod 91. Master weaver, bascher, lecturer and journalist. Beloved stater, and, creat aunt and great rest agod and servent aunt creat aunt and great great aunt and great great aunt and friend to many. Funeral at 2.30pm on Tuesday 2nd February at The Church of St John, Presson, Brighton folic by private cremation.

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BESTON-SIDEBOTTOM Sylvia, much loved wife of
the late Derek, peacefully
on 22nd January, in
France, her beloved
Country. She will be sadly
missed by her many
relatives and friends on
both sides of the Channel.
Funeral will be held in
Alba La Romaine, France.
COPPNI - On Lanuary 18th

Alba La Romaine, France.
COPPIN - On January 18th
peacefully in a Hastings
nursing home, Violet
Dorothy aged 90 years,
wife of the late Harry
Coppin. Funeral service at
Hastings Crematorium
12.30 pm on Wednesday
February 3rd. All
enquiries to Hinkley
Funeral Service, 50 Mount
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01424 722461.
COX - Joan Grace of

GALWEY - Joen pescafully after a short illness at Southwold Hospital, Southwold Hospital,
Suffelk aged 83 years. A
dear wife of the late
Geoffrey, loving mother
and grandmother. Service
at St Andrews Church.
Walberswick on Thursday
28th January at 12.45 pm,
followed by cremation at
Gorieston Crematorium
2.30 pm. Pamily flowers
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To place death notices, acknowledgements or notices please call 0171 680 6880

**DEATHS** 

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CDX - Joan Grace of Chiswick, peacefully on the 21st January aged 81.

Mother of Rosemary.

Barbara, Caroline and Penny, and grandmother of Mark, Roseman and Cole Cremation at Mortiake on Monday 1st February at 12.30pm.

Family flowers only, donations if desired to Alzheimers Disease Society C/o TH Sanders and Sons. 447 Upper Richmond Road West, SW14 7PR Tel:0181 876 4673.

GALWEY - Joan poscalully

GREER, Y - Diana Lilian on Innuary 21st 1999, peacefully in Spain, Funeral, family and friends, 2p.m. Thursday 28th Innuary at Holy Trinity, Bembridge, I.O.W. Flowers to Weaver Bros., Lane End, Bembridge, Tel: 01923 872598.

GRIFHTHS - Peter John. On 21st January, peacefully at home, aged 73. Funeral Service at St John the Baptist Church, Stanbridge to be arranged. Any Rowers or enquiries please to S.R. Dillamore Ltd, 16 Old Road, Linslade. Leighton Buzzard, Beds LUT 7RF. Tel (01525) 372210

HALL - Evic Finden, peacefully at home on January 22, 1999 aged 35. Dearly loved husband, father and grandfather. Family cremation service. Thankagiving Service to be arranged later. Donations in his memory to R.N.L.I. KESTERBALM - Raiph died 20th January 1999. We mourn the passing of our

mourn the passing of our dear friend and colleague. Our deepest sympathles to his family, from all at Gerald Metals.

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LAURENCE - Jessica, precious wife of George, darling mother of Tom, Cathy and Ben. Beloved daughter of John Ben. Beloved daughter of John Laurench, sister of Max. Suddenly and peecefully at house on Priday 22nd lanuary, aged 49. Funeral to be held at All Saint's Church, Coleshill. Tel: H. C. Grimsteed 01694 2286044 for time and date. Family flowers only, donations if desired to N.S.P. C. C. Except.

EDERSA - Jules W on 21st January 1999 aged 81
years, following a long
illness. A private
cremation will take place
in Newcastle Upon Tyne.

LEES - George Howard
Vincent of St Mayes,
Iormer legal adviser for M
& S, died peacefully on
20th January aged 76 at
Duchy Hospital after a
mercifully short illness
bravely borne. Loving
husband, beloved father,
grandiather and brother.
Much loved and respected
by his family, friends and
colleagues. Funeral service
at St. Just-in-Roseland
Fridey January 29th
2.30pm followed by
private cremation. Family
flowers only. Donations
for R.N.L.L. Cancer
Research or Cornwall
Macmillan Service. c/o
Terence Treguma. Terence Tregunna, Funeral Director, 49

ROSERTS - On 17th January 1999, peacefully at the Princess Alexandra Bospital, Harlow. Reverend David Donald Roberts TD. BA. CP., aged 77, belowed husband of the late Rowens and loving father of David and Andrew and his wife Lorraine. Devoted Grandpa to Charlotte, Helena and Ratherine. Funeral at Chelmaford Crematorium on Theaday

Cramatorium on Tuesday
2nd February at 12 noon.
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donations to The Stroke
Association, if desired) to Bonners Funeral Directors, High Street, Chipping Ongar, Essex.

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SEELY - Josephine
Wilhelmins Philippe,
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and great-aunt of Sophie
Van Haeften. The funeral
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D.F.C. Peacafully at home on Jan 22ad, aged 76.
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Glasgow on 15th January 1999, Robert Menzies Ricardo aged 78. Private cremation has taken place NYMME - Sydney E.R., WHEE – Sydney E.R.,
passed away at home on
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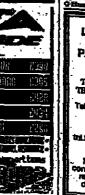
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# ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET LORD LEWIN

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin. KG GCB LVO, DSC, Chief of the Defence Staff, 1979-82, died on January 23 aged 78. He was born on November 19, 1920.

s Chief of the Defence Staff in 1982, Admiral of the Fleet Sir Terence Lewin was a vital profes-Margaret Thatcher's War Cabinet during the series of military operations that resulted in the recovery of the Falkland Islands after the Argentine invasion. His greatest contributions were his clarity of thought, which helped the politicians to formulate their objectives, and his realism. Because he had seen much action at sea in the Second World War, he was a steadying influence when the allmo-frequent bad news from the battle zone rattled the less-experi-enced members of the War Cabi-

The state of affairs at that time was that for many years British defence policy had forsaken the intention - and increasingly the capability - to conduct an opposed amphibious landing on enemyheld territory without the support of allies. Recovery of the Falklands hould confront all these things at a large of 8,000 miles from home bases, in worsening seasonal weather, opposed by a modern landbased air force, and with a task force that lacked an airborne early warning radar system. These factors were compounded by a series of complex political issues which had to be resolved successfully by the War Cabinet if the United Kingdom was to retain the support of the Americans - already bruised in their South American relations - and even more imporantly, the authority conferred by United Nations resolutions against

a breach of international order. of these processes, Lewin was able to secure centralised operational control over the conduct of the military campaign and to operate a surprisingly short and uncomplicated a DSC ed link from the Cabiner through In early the tri-Service beadquarters at Northwood to the task force. His profound grasp of the tactical and . technical issues enabled him to lobby hard for licence to use the task force to the greatest effect.
Supported by the militarily experienced Attorney General, Sir
Michael Havers, he was able-

authorizatively to advocate the specific rules of engagement which while allowing for the political niceties, would enable the task force to protect itself and to carry out its mission. out its mission.

Despite worries about the diver-sion of resources, Lewin proposed-an early retaking of South Georgia as a contribution to graduated pressure on the Argentine junta as well as a useful test of naval competence. His iron nerves were never needed as much as when this initial operation, meeting extreme weather, nearly came to grief among the waters and glaciers of Grytviken. The historical evidence on the rest of the campaign. including Lewin's post-conflict appearances before House of Com-mons select committees, attests to his wise judgment of such vexed questions as the contradictory Total Exclusion Zone and the sinking of the Argentine cruiser General

Terence Thornton Lewin entered the Royal Navy in 1939 from the Judd School at Tonbridge. His first wartime seagoing appointment was as a midshipman in the battleship Valiant where he experienced several of the early battles of the Mediterranean campaign. In

breach of international order. January 1942 he joined the Tribal Throughout the twists and purns class destroyer Ashanti as the gunnery officer and during the next two years as a sub-lieutenant and young lieutenant was mentioned in dispatches three times and award-

In early 1942 Ashanti accompanied two Arctic convoys to Murmansk before being diverted to the Mediterranean in August of that year to take part in Operation Pedestal, the hardest-fought of the series of convoys to Malta Back in the Arctic in September, Ashand was part of a large "fighting escort" of 16 destroyers protecting convoys PQ18 and QP14 to and from Murmansk QP14 contained ships that had survived the tragic scattering and destruction of the previous PQI7 convoy. Of the 40 ships that set out, 13 were sunk by U-boars and massed dive-bombers. The destroyer Somali was damaged and taken in tow by Ashanti but after a long, slow and hazardous voyage a violent storm caused Somali suddenly to break up and sink with the loss of 35 of her 80

remaining crew.

During 1943 and up to the D-Day landings in June 1944, Ashanti distinguished herself in a number of brisk night actions against German convoys and their escorts in the English Channel. As part of the western covering force during the D-Day campaign. Ashanti sunk with torpedoes one of four German destroyers which had sailed out from Brest to my to disrupt the invasion.

After the war Lewin held a number of seagoing posts. He passed the Staff Course and then commanded the destroyer Corunna with distinction. He was always a keen sportsman and represented the Royal Navy at athletics and

He was appointed LVO after a



Lewin: vital role during the Falklands conflict of 1982

Royal Yacht Britannia. In the rank of captain, he

commanded the Dartmouth Training Squadron and subsequently the aircraft carrier *Hermes* in the Indian Ocean at the time of the 1967 Arab-Israeli Six-Day War and the withdrawal from Aden in 1967-68. Assistant Chief of Naval Staff

tour as second-in-command of the This was an arduous period of duty during which high morale and outstanding operational performance on board the aircraft carrier were maintained by Lewin's partic-

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ular brand of humane leadership. Promoted rear-admiral in 1968. he was successively appointed (Policy). Second-in-Command Far East Fleet and Vice-Chief of Naval Staff before becoming, in 1973, C-in-C Fleet, in 1975 C-in-C Naval Home Command and then, in 1977, First Sea Lord and Chief of Naval Staff. He was appointed KCB in 1973 and GCB in 1976.

The perennial postwar difficulty of matching defence resources to commitments was particularly severe during Lewin's tenure as First Sea Lord, but he was able to initiate a series of "group deployments", intending, as he put it, "to preserve worldwide expertise among our officers and men and the chance to exercise with non-Nato navies. rather than become mesmerised by the Eastern Atlantic". His greatest achievement was to preserve this worldwide capability in spite of a political climate that called for withdrawal from overseas commitments and a reduction to what were seen as Nato essentials.

As Chief of Defence Staff Lewin was heavily involved with the decision to replace the Polarisbased strategic deterrent with the Trident missile system.

His tri-Service impartiality was much tested by the review, instituted by the Secretary of State for Defence, John Nott, in 1981, which again tried to match a realistic defence programme to the budget. The reviews most contentious strategic proposal was to inflict wholesale reductions on the Navy's surface fleet.

These decisions were fortunately reversed by the Falklands War and the realisation that navies have an inherent flexibility which may not be revealed by accountants' scenario-based analysis.

Nevertheless, Lewin's experiences led him to strengthen the position of the Chief of Defence Staff, who thereafter would not be constitutionally bound to offer

JOHN GOLDING

ministers the consensus opinion of the three Service chiefs, but give his own defence advice, as had been

done during the Falklands conflict.
People who worked for and with
Terry Lewin uniformly remarked
on his acute intellect, his concentration on essentials and his impeccable judgment, but he was also widely known for his great courtesy towards all ranks. He never, as it is all too easy to do in moments of great stress, lost his temper or his self-control. Another great strength was that he always accorded respect and attention to the views of others, irrespective of their ultimate value.

In retirement Lewin brought these qualities to bear on a number of charitable and other works. His great enthusiasm was for the naval history of the 18th century and he was an acknowledged authority on the achievements of Captain James Cook in particular. As a trustee of the National Maritime Museum and subsequently as chairman from 1987, Lewin put his weight behind a successful £12 million English Heritage lottery bid and was instrumental in driving forward a radical modernisation programme affecting not only the use and repair of the buildings but the mounting of major exhibitions all

over the world.

Among his other activities, he was president of the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Benevolent Society, the George Cross Island Association and a council member of the White Ensign Association. He was an Elder Brother of Trinity House from 1975. Lewin was created a life peer 1982 and appointed KG in 1983.

He is survived by his wife Jane Branch-Evans, whom he married in 1944 when she was serving in the Wrens, and by their two sons and

# LESLIE FRENCH

Leslie French, actor and director, died on January 21. aged 94. He was born on April 23, 1904.

AMONG audiences who were fortunate enough to see him over a long stage career which-had begun in the Twenties and carried on well into the Seventies, not to speak of the television work he did in the Eighties, Leslie French will be remembered especially for three Shakespearean performances: Puck, Ariel, and Feste. These, at the apogee of his pareer, were considered to be definitive. In particular, his Ariel was, when first seen in 1922, daring in the extreme in its near-nakedness (whichdrew protests from some quarters) and in the fact that it was the first time a man had played the part since Victorian times. It was a performance which in 1931, inspired Eric Gill to create his sculpture of Prospero and Ariel for the façade of the newly opened Broadcasting House in Portland Place, a work in which the undraped contours of Ariel were modelled on those of the vouthful French.

Critics also praised him for also performance as the Attendant Spirit in Milton's Comus. It was a part he played often during the 1930s, since Milton's masque, directed by Robert Atkins, was generally to be found in the repertoire of the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre.

Expert as singer and dancer, French trained himself in the Ben Greet touring companies where from extreme youth, he showed an innate sense of poetry and a quick response to Shakespeare. He was a small, lime, often impish figure with an uncommon nimbleness of wit and Dovement Alas, after leaving Greet he often had to waste these qualities on routine musical comedy.

His high moment came during an engagement for a single Old Vic production in. the winter of 1929. Then, in parmership with John Gielgud's Oberon, he ap-peared as a Puck of irresistible mooncast mischief, remembered for its absolute fidelity to Shakespeare and for the

Lady ingrow, of Keighley

West Yorkshire, left estate, valued at £1.081,261 net. She left £1.000 to the Royal British Legion and War on Cancer £500 each to RNIB, the Polish Soldiers Trust Soldiers and the Air Bridge

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Lady (Cyril) Clarke, of West

Kirkby, Wirtal, Merseyside,

left estate valued at £510,085

Lady (Owain) Jenkins, of

Petworth, West Sussex, left

estate valued at E785.086 net.
She left 11.000 to the PDSA and
Camphil Village Trust.
Lady Barnetson, of Crowbor-

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Lady Margery Kathleen Dunn widow of Sir Francis

Vivien Dunn, of Haywards

Heath East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,004,042 net. She left £3,000 to the Boundarion Fund of the Meschans Chemony.

Lady Marjorie Avice Law-

rence, of Hove, East Sussex,

left estate valued at 6407,757

valued at £709,218 net.

Royal Court in 1955, and

Orchestra at the St Martin's.

There followed the sequence of

half-a-dozen Regent's Park summers. As he had done

with so many of his Shake-

spearean roles, he made the

part of the Attendant Spirit of

Comus peculiarly his own.

particularly in the way he delivered the last invocation:

"Sabrina fair, listen where thou art sitting. Under the

glassy, cool, translucent wave. On other occasions he

went back to the Vic (1934) for

an Ariel with Harcourt Wil-

liams, acied in a Cochran

revue, Home and Beauty, and

as Swinburne in a mediocre

piece, Rossetti, at the Arts. Twice in the prewar period he

directed for the Oxford Union

Dramatic Society: Much Ado

About Nothing (1938) and The

Tempest (1939).

During the Second World War French joined the Interna-

tional Ballet Company, ap-pearing in the title-role and

directing Everyman and, at the

Lyric, playing Feste in a ballet of Twelfth Night. In 1946 he

directed a Comus with himself

as the Attendant Spirit. He

would have three further

Open Air seasons (1951, 1952,

and 1958) and a performance some distance from Shake-

speare, in the character of Richard, Duke of Gloucester

in a chronicle, The Sun of

York, which was done at the



French and the BBC sculpture of Ariel which he inspired in Rodney Ackland's Strange

spoilt child intonation of "I go; go, look how I go!" when ordered to be "faster than the wind. Later he had a complete Vic season, and soon afterwards began the Regent's Park period that for several seasons exercised all his gifts to their full. Harcourt Williams wrote of his Puck: "He put the Vic audiences for ever

m his pocket." Leslie French was born at Bromley, Kent. He was a boy singer from the age of ten before joining Ben Greet in 1918 at the age of 14 and remaining with the company for six years. Later, with a sound grounding of Shakespeare behind him, he did some musicals, and was particularly fond of playing Asticot, a part he always recalled affectionately, in a musical version of The Beloved Vagabond (Duke of York's, 1927).

But it was during his eight months at the the Old Vic in 1930-31 that he had a real chance to use his fun, vocal clarity, and, when needed, his pathos and other-worldliness. He was, principally, Feste (at the opening of Sadler's Wells) and Ariel, Eros (in Antony and Cleopatra), and - playing to John Gielgud - the Fool in

King Lear. After leaving the Old Vic French played in A. P. Herbert's operetta, Derby Day, at the Lyric, Hammersmith, and

sought earnestly to extenuate Richard III. Much of his later career he occupied in directing Shake-

speare at various places, notably in South Africa where he had a considerable impact on the theatre through his founding Maynardville, an open air theatre in Cape Town, in the 1950s. This arose from an invitation he received from two South African actresses, Celia Sonneburg and Rene Ahrenson, who asked him to go there and do an outdoor The Taming of the Shrew for them. Shortly before he was due to sail French received a panicky telegram from the pair saying: "Got cold feet, don't come!" Nothing deterred, he telegraphed back: "Buy a hot-water bottle" and continued with his passage. There followed a succession

of triumphant summers in Cape Town where, besides Puck, Touchstone and roles normally associated with him. he tackled less likely parts such as Duncan and Shylock. His production of The Merchant of Venice broke all box office records for South Africa at that time and he also directed in the open air at Port Elizabeth, and at theatres in Bloemfontein and Welkom, a small Orange Free State town to the north of Bloemfontein. where he opened the Ernest Oppenheimer Theatre in 1968 with a production of The Tempest. His casts and audiences at Maynardville were always multiracial and he was the mentor and teacher of many generations of young actors and actresses to whom he imparted his abiding love

of Shakespeare. In Britain his later productions included Twelfth Night in the Great Hall at Hampton Court in 1964, with himself as Feste. A thorough professional, he broadcast and acted in films and on television, his last role being as the ailing Noddy in a TV version of Dennis Potter's The Singing Detective in 1986. But he really belonged to the theatre and especially to the plays and parts that were for so long associated with his performance of them.

Leslie French was unmar

Avrena Grace Gill, of Purley,

Surrey, left estate valued at

John Golding, Labour MP for Newcastle-under-Lyme, 1969-86, died on January 20 aged 67 from complications following a heart operation.

He was born on March 9,

JOHN GOLDING was the largely forgotten sergeant major in Labour's long march back to electoral respectability and power. After the defeats of James Callaghan and Michael Foot, he railied the right-wing troops in the Commons, recaptured Labour's national executive from the Left, helped to drive the Militant Tendenc from the party and was a powerful Kinnock ally in the early attempts at modernisation.

Golding was a short, scruffy man who was happy to receive a newspaper nomination as the worst-dressed MP in the Commons. But while he would have been out of place in today's new Labour salons. he was in his element in the conspiracies of old Labour's

He was master of every trick in the political trade as his enemies - and he had many - were forced to admit. Even when his left-wing critics seemed to be winning in his

constituency, he left the Commons at a time of his choosing to take a key trade union post, with his second wife Llin succeeding him as MP for

Newcastle-under-Lyme. John Golding was born in Bìrmingham, where his father was working as a chef. After primary education he went to Chester Grammar School, which he left at 16 to become a Civil Service clerk. He had joined the Labour Party while at school and he was soon active in the trade union movement.

As a result the Post Office

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him a researcher, sent him to the Landon School of Economics and then appointed him education officer. Although he was sponsored by his union, he failed in several attemnts to obtain a seat until a by-election at Newcastle-under-Lyme in 1969. This was caused by the death of Stephen Swingler, regarded by some as a one-time fellowtraveller, but the right wing Golding had no difficulty in obtaining the nomination in a trade union-dominated selection conference. It was then that he met Llinos Lewis. daughter of Ness Edwards. Attlee's Postmaster-General.

Both were married with families, Golding since 1958 to Thelma Gwillym. Eleven years later, in 1980, with both marriages dissolved, they

who was his campaign driver.

In the Commons Golding



made unusua][y progress. Almost at once he was appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to Eric Varley, the Minister for Technology, and after the Wilson defeat he became an Opposition Whip. Callaghan gave him a ministerial job as Parliamentary Secretary at the Department of Employment, which

was probably the role he most enjoyed.

But he also had great

pleasure in his attempts to delay the privatisation of British Telecom, notably with a speech in committee which lasted for eleven hours and 15 minutes - a record which still stands as the rules were changed to prevent any repetition.

In 1986 he left the Commons aged 55, to become general secretary of the new National Communications Union. formed from the merger between British Telecom's cieriand engineerin But two years into his five year contract, a Sunday paper published allegations about his relations with a prostitute. He refused to comment, to avoid embarrassing his wife, but hostile motions were submitted to his annual conference. where he was asked to resign. Golding refused, as stubborn as ever, but eventually took early retirement after an amicable agreement.

He is survived by his second wife who, as Llin Golding, is still the MP for Newcastle-under-Lyme, and by a son of his previous marriage to Thelma Gwillym, Another son of that marriage predeceased him.

# SOLOMON KAUFMAN

Solomon Kaufman international lawyer, died on Christmas Day aged 90. He was born on May 18, 1908.

SOLOMON KAUFMAN WILL be remembered particularly as the lawyer in two notable cases. In 1962 he acted for Dr Robert Soblen, the American spy, and in 1964 he acted for the author Leon Uris.

Soblen was an American citizen convicted of spying for the Russians and sentenced to life imprisonment. He fled to Israel with an invalid passport, only to be arrested in Tel Aviv. Sent back to the United States, he slashed his wrists on the flight over London, forcing the plane to land at Heathrow. There he was refused official entry at immigration, but managed to instruct Kaufman

who, with Lord Elwyn-Jones, applied to a judge in St John's Wood at midnight for a writ of habeas corpus, which was

granted. At the High Court, Soblen was refused leave to remain in England. He went to the Court of Appeal, but again lost. While a further appeal was being considered, he commit-ted suicide before he could be deported to America. The case is famous as a deportation case which was a disguised extradition case. In 1964 Kaufman acted for the populist author Leon Uris in defending a libel action brought by Dr Wladyslaw Dering. The case became known as "Auschwitz in England". Dering complained of a sentence in Uris's bestselling novel about Israel, Exodus,

which stated that he had performed 17,000 operations in Auschwitz without anaesthetic, mainly on young women used as guinea-pigs.

The casewas unique in that the Polish Government was persuaded to bring to London the Auschwitz hospital operation register, in which were recorded 130 detailed operations for castration, sterilisation, ovarectomy and so on. The register was taken to court every day and returned to the Polish Embassy at night. The register chinched the case. Dr Dering was awarded one halfpenny damages and had to pay his own costs.

Dering had come to Britain after the war, then worked as a doctor in Somalia before returning to run a practice in Harley Street.

Solomon Kaufman was born in London and educated at the Grocers' School and at University College London, Montpellier, Bonn and Moscow Universities. He qualified as a solicitor in 1935 and founded Kaufman and Seigal

in the late 1930s. In the 1940s he acted for the provisional Israeli government before the end of the Palestinian Mandate. He worked for the same firm until the late 1960s, when he became a consultant to Sacker and Partners.

Kaufman retired in 1970, and later took a doctorate in Italian neo-classical stage design at Essex University.
He married Jennie Lubin in

1936; she died last July. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

# Latest wills

She left £1,000 to the Barristers Benevolent Association and to the National Trust Catherine Ness Quested, of Saxstead, Suffolk, left estate

valued at £5,767,078 net. Harry Stanley Smith, of Long Hanborough, Witney, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at £2.035,538 net... She left [1,000 to All Saints'

Church, Minstead, Cadnam, Hampshire: £400 each to RNLL RSPCA and PDSA. Margaret Frances Chartish, of Windsor, Berkshire, left estate valued at £2,187,697 net. She left £5.000 each to Cheshire Homes, Sue Ryder Horie, Cancer Research Campaign, Marie Carie Memorial Foundation, Ely Cathedral and Prince Charles Eye Unit. Margaret Elsic Armstrong, of Ipswich, left estate valued at

She left E3,000 each to Volumary

and Christian Service, Christch-urth, Tacker Street United Re-formed Church, the Samaritans, and the Westminster Pastural Foun-dation: 22,000 each to British Council of Churches, St Raphael Christ Vergick the World Church Club. Ipswich, the World Church Mission Department and the Ips-wich and Suffolk Mission to the Deaf and Durab.

Elsie Muriel Batchelar, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, left estate valued at £1,486.065 Ronald Patrick Clancy, of Bourne End, Buckingham-

shire, left estate valued at £1.048.019 net John Kenneth Prost, of Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at £1,263,738 tiet.
Ruth Margaret Garside, of Swindon Village, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, left estate val-

... ued at £1.582.321 net.

£1,461,092 net. Joan Frances Mills, of Compton Greenfield. Easter Compton. Bristol left estate valued at £1,260,636 net. She left £5.000 each to Imperial Caricer Research Fund, Parkin-son's Disease Society, Blue Cross, PDSA and the Royal UK Beneti-

CENT ASSOCIATION. Peter Moore, of Chesham. Buckinghamshire, left estate valued at £1,812,926 net. Philip Glyn Morris, of Gilwero. Abergavenny, Mon-mouthshire, left estate valued

at £1,460,036 net. Robert Colin Taylor, of London SWL left estate valued at £1.356,289 net. He left £5,000 to Sidmouth Donkey Sanctuary; and the balance of his estate to imperial Carter Research Pund, RSPCA, PHAB,

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Daniel Lysons, of Charlton, London SE7, left estate valued

and Christian Aid.

at £1,152,216 net.

THE RUSSIAN OUTBREAK ST PETERSBURG, JAN. 24

The night passed quietly, and this morning there were no signs of excitement, although thousands of idle workmen are strolling abou with their bands in their pockets. The electric works are now manned by

military electricians, and the supply was switched on again at half-past 7 this morning Nobody is reassured by the temporary lull. Many men are sending their wives and children to Helsingfors and other places of salety . .

At 4 o'clock this afternoon, a troop of Cossacks, in dispersing a crowd of working men, drew their swords and wounded several persons.

In consideration of the disturbed state of the city, the officials and employes at the Ministries have been informed that they need not present themselves for duty if they think there is any danger. Consequently many

offices are partly empty.

The chemists' assistants have joined the strikers. Work has been suspended at the central station of the Belgian Electrical Company, which furnishes most of the electric light supply of the capital. The electric light

# ON THIS DAY

#### January 25, 1905 学型作业社

The year opened disastrously for Russia with the surrender of its fleet to the Japanese at Port Arthur. On the 22nd - "Bloody Sunday" — troops fired on workers in St Petersburg. The unrest continued, culminating in October when workers formed the first soviet.

has gone out in the fashionable Bolshaia Morskaia thoroughfare. The resources of the strikers are very limited. Only the Narva section of the Workmen's Club, which is the next in importance to the section attached to the Putiloff Works, has as large a sum as 15,000 roubles (£1,500) at its disposal. The sums of money paid to the needy as relief are extremely small. The strike organisation continues to collect subscriptions for the

wounded. So far, no workmen have been arrested,

and the leaders also are still at liberty. A man named Wassilieff, who accompanied Father Gapon in the procession on Sunday as a representative of a section of the Workmen's Club, was killed, and three of the priest's assistants, named Ussakoff, Tikonoff, and Inosemzeff, were wounded, the last-mentioned seriously.

Father Gapon is in hiding. Proclamations, the genuineness of which is, however. doubtful, are being issued in his name...

The following official statement is issued

"During the day of January 23 there was no collision between the riotous crowd and the troops. The detachments of soldiers had no need to use their arms, as the crowd dispersed on the appearance of the troops. During the day an attempt was made to attack the Gostiny Dvor market, but was repulsed. The workmen of the electric stations joined the strike in the evening, then some groups, taking advantage of the darkness, began to break the windows of the shops in the different streets; but order was everywhere

ouickly restored. No-one was killed or wounded during January 23. The exact number of killed on January 22 is 96, and of wounded 333, 53 of whom have registered at the ambulance

# THE TIMES TODAY

#### Shaming of Olympic idea

The ruling body of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) yesterday recommended that six IOC members be expelled in the biggest scandal in the 104-year history of the Games.

Three other members have already resigned and three more remain under investigation in the £500,000 "votes-for-favours" scandal over Salt Lake City's winning bid for the 2002 Winter

#### Blairs complain over newspaper

The Prime Minister and his wife last night objected to the Press Complaints Commission over a newspaper story about Kathryn, their ten-year-old daughter. The Prime Minister's spokesman said that Tony and Cherie Blair had complained to Lord Wakeham, chairman of the commission...

#### Mowlam demand

Mo Mowlam will today meet the political representatives of Northern Ireland's three main paramilitary groups at Stormont to demand an end to all 'punishment ...Pages L, 6

#### Race report shelved

THE Home Office has shelved a highly sensitive study showing that blacks are far more likely to be criminals that Asians or whites. The study was carried out by a senior Home Office researcher for Jack Straw\_\_\_\_\_Page 2

#### Millennium concert

The BBC is organising a £10 million music extravangaza that will surpass Live Aid as the biggest concert event ever staged in Britain. It will be a showcase for British musical talent and will mark the the millennium......Page 3

#### Libel lawyer's bill

The libel lawyer whose name strikes fear into writ recipients is facing a bill of tens of thousands of pounds for legal fees after failing to resolve a dispute with his partners. Peter Carter-Ruck may be forced to arbitration ..... Page 5

#### Chance rescue

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The two halves of an t 13th-century diptych have been reunited thanks to a chance discovery. The link was discovered when the

#### Prescott alone

John Prescott dismissed the need for further links between Labour and the Liberal Democrats, saying that the party did not need help from anyone else to achieve its manifesto commitments

#### Frigate transformed

HMS Norfolk, a 4,000-tonne frigate armed with a 4.5-in gun, and a bewildering array of missiles, has been transformed by the arrival of the women officers and ratings, among the first allowed to go to sea since the Royal Navy changed centuries of tradition seven years

#### Front divided

The French National Front ruptured yesterday into bitterly antagonistic halves, accompanied by a level of acrimony rare even for Europe's largest extreme right-wing party......Page 10

#### Hostage swap

Nine ethnic Albanian separatists were freed by the Serbian authorities over the weekend in a hostage swap that is likely to enrage radicals in the Belgr Kosovo Libera-....Page II tion Army...

#### Disappointed king

King Hussein of Jordan removed his younger brother, Hassan, as successor to the throne after 34 owner of the left wing sent photo- years because of disappointment graphs to an expert Page 7 at his leadership Page 12

#### McCartney fights ban on song

■ Sir Paul McCartney has launched a crusade against radio and television stations that have banned the final song by his late wife, Linda, because it contains a swear word. The single, is taken from his wife's posthumous solo album, Wide Prairie. Sir Paul has taken an advertisement in The Times complaining about the censorship.



For the first time Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, accepted a helping arm as she walked to St Mary's Church near Sandringham

Mirror turmoll: Sir Victor Blank. chairman of Mirror Group, the newspaper publisher, will this week try to oust David Montgomery, chief executive, from the Page 48

Air traffic row: The Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott has clashed with the Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown over plans for a £1 billion sale of the air traffic control service... ..... Page 45

Energy delays: The Government's Energy White Paper faces problems following delays to the electricity "pool" reform.....

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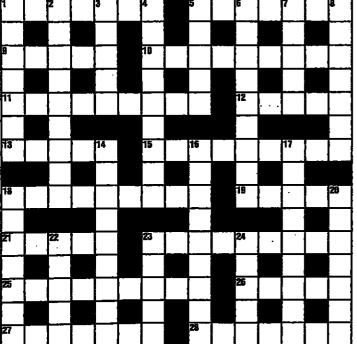
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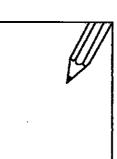
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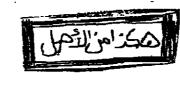
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**MONDAY JANUARY 25 1999** 

# HAM LAND PLUM OLD TRAFFORD TIE



# Keegan and Ferguson on FA Cup collision course

Matt Dickinson looks forward to a renewal of hostilities at the Theatre of Dreams after a dramatic weekend of knockout fare That is the beauty of the FA

MANCHESTER United versus Fulham; Alex Ferguson against Kevin Keegan. The fifth round of the FA Cup. drawn yesterday, will make Imissable television — and that is just the managers pre-

match interviews. As manager of Newcastle United Keegan was con-broiled in some epic personal confrontations with Ferguson. reaching a climax in a famous on-screen outburst against his counterpart. Now the pair can renew old rivairies after a draw that could scarcely have been bettered for romance and intrigue. It will not be long be-fore the psychological builets are being fired between Cra-

ven Cottage and Old Trafford.
How fitting, as well, that the
teams involved in the most dramanc games of the weekend should be thrown together. Fulham pulled off the shock of the fourth round when they won 2-0 against Aston Villa on Saturday, their triumph as deserved as it was startling.

Keegan has a five year plan to lift Fulham from the Nationwide league second division. into the FA Carling Premiership and the trip to Old Traf-I ford should provide a good measure of how far his club has travelled aiready on its ex-travagantly funded rise. Mohamed Al Payed, the

chairman, is the man bankrolling Fulham in the hope that he will one day be able to mix with the eline and an afternoon in the Old Trafford directiors how may whet his appe-tile even more. But Fulham will come up against the country's leading strikers in Andy

ity and we will just want a Cole and Dwight Yorke and the prospect appears to be a good time out in Manchester." good time out in Manchester.

They could so easily have been playing Liverpool, though, after a stirring game at Old Trafford yesterday in which United scored in the 88th minute and then injury "I shouldn't think we will cope at all," Simon Morgan, one of the Fulham goalscorers at Villa Park, said, "but it will be a great day out. The managtime to win 2-1. Trailing to Michael Owen's header after er won't let us dream about United and Old Trafford. We just three minutes, they had to have got an important game at dig deep into their reserves as

Yorke and Ole Gunnar Sols-

kjaer, with almost his first

Harkness, the Liverpool defender, collapses to the turf at the final whistle

home to Oldham on Tuesday and we want to get back on top of the league. That is our prior-

touch, finally ended Liverpool's valiant resistance.
"We are not really interested in the FA Cup," Ferguson said sarcastically, in response to those who claim that his side has other priorities. "You can't believe football sometimes, but I believe we deserved what we got because we never gave up. Liverpool defended fantastically and will be gutted, quite rightly, but our sheer determination got us through.

United's relief was palpable. Gary Neville, a Manchester boy who had talked before the match of his dread of defeat to Liverpool, could not contain his delight, whirling around like a madman in front of the visiting supporters after Solskjaer's late strike. The Liverpool players, meanwhile, dropped to the turf, some appearing to depart

> away so late in the game. "I told them they have nothing to be ashamed of," Gérard Houllier, the Liverpool manager. said. "I am proud of them. Today, we matched Manchester United and a couple of months ago I do not think we would have been capable of a

with tears in their eyes at hav-

ing allowed victory to slip

performance like that. We have to keep improving and moving closer to them in standard, but I know that one day we will beat them."

Bookings for Roy Keane and Paul Scholes ensured that they will be absent against Fulham next month. "It was never dirty," Ferguson said. "Not like when Jimmy Case, Graeme Souness, Whiteside and Robbo were going at each other a few years back. You had to make sure your mummy was sitting beside you then, because you couldn't watch it alone. Today, they just got stuck in."

Urged on by the ebullient Keegan, Fulham will be doing the same. It would be one of the great upsets in recent years were they to repeat their feat of Saturday, but how Keegan -to borrow one of his own phrases - would love it.

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By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

drug test

BRITISH athletics is bracing itself for a damage limitation exercise after it was disclosed yesterday that a senior British athlete has failed a drugs test. The identity of the athlete was being kept secret by officials last night, but they may reveal the name to-

day. Officials were waiting to complete the formal procedure of notifying the athlete of the result of the B sample before making a statement. Jayne Pearce. the spokeswoman for UK Athletics, said: "It is my intention that we get to the stage of being able to con-firm who the athlete is." She added that she hoped that would be today.

A lawyer understood to be acting for the athlete at the centre of the controversy said that the case against was so weak that it would not even make it to a hearing stage.
An out-of-competition

random test returned a positive A sample and it is almost unheard of for a B sample to contradict the first finding. After 15 months rebuilding the sport's reputation, in the wake of the Diane Modahl drugs case and the collapse of the British Athlet-

ic Federation, officials will regard this blow as particularly ill-timed. Tomorrow sees the official launch of the new governing body, UK Athletics. in London and, next weekend, the BBC televises the first meeting of its £17.5 million contract. Jon Ridgeon, the spokesman for Fast Track, which pro-

motes the sport in Great Rvitain said: "This has se rious implications for all of us." Ridgeon said that neither he nor Alan Pascoe, the Fast Track chairman, knew the identity of the athlete, whose case threatens so much dam-

British athletics has been relatively free of positive drugs cases, the most high profile being Modahl's successful fight against a ban.

The most recent is that of Doug Turner, the European 200 metres silver medalwinner. Turner was suspended for three months in 1997 by the Scottish Games Association at a meeting in Meadowbank on Decem-

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# Australian Open: Brave Philippoussis fightback cut short by stumbling Swede

# Enqvist ends interest of home hope

FROM JULIAN MUSCAT, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN MELBOURNE

LOCAL interest evaporated from the Australian Open yesterday when Mark Philippoussis, the Melbournian showhoat, foundered before a partisan crowd on Centre Court. Philippoussis, seeded No 14, rallied from two sets down before succumbing to Thomas Enqvist, of Sweden.

it was to prove a sombre experience for an audience driven by Philippoussis himself into something of a frenzy. A sense of anticlimax filled the arena when the giant Australian finally wilted under Enqvist's withering ground-

Enqvist, 24, opened the con-test by establishing his total dominance. There was no hint of the drama to come when, playing flawless tennis for the best part of three sets, he stepped up to serve for the match at 54. Calamity then reared its head as Enqvist, his mood as serene as his tennis, felt that two close line-calls went against him. Enqvist's placid expression

gave way to his innermost thoughts - and they told of a mind rashly degenerating towards chaos. He fiercely challenged the umpire, returned to confront his first break points of the match and promptly dropped his serve. The crowd erupted and, when Philippoussis held to inch ahead at 6-5, he demanded yet further encouragement.

It was generously forthcom-ing, particularly from a bugler high in the stands, who blared out bars from Advance Australia Fair, to the crowd's unbridled delight. Enqvist now looked a beaten man, errors flowing from a racket that earlier had threatened to make a fool of his opponent.

Philippoussis snared the third-set tie-break, claimed the fourth set with a thunderous ace and then braced himself for the final assault. Yet, in the end, he was

found wanting, almost certainly suffering a reaction from his previous two matches, which lasted four and five sets respectively. He played a poor game at 3-2, compounding three errant forehands with a double fault that gifted Enqvist an

A FIERCELY patriotic cap-

tain, a 21-year-old without a

leading tournament win on

his resume and arguably the most confident player in the sport at present all played a vi-tal role in giving Wales a sur-

prise 6-4 victory over Scotland

in the Nations Cup final at the

Telewest Arena in Newcastle

Matthew Stevens, the junior

member of the Welsh team.

won three of the four frames in

which he was involved, as did

Mark Williams, while Darren

Morgan, who led the side so ef-

fectively, launched their fight-

unexpected opening. The Swede, who did not falter a second time, prevailed 6-2, 6-4. 6-7, 4-6, 6-2 in 2hr 51 min.

"It is always tough when you are close to winning and can't finish it off." Enqvist reflected. "In the end, I was lucky to get through."

Enqvist, the winner of all his 12 matches this year, was a strong pre-tournament fancy. He beat Pat Rafter, the No 3 seed and also from Australia, in the previous round. Enqvist has struggled with injuries for the past two years, but for which he might have justified prodigal status. He



Frustration shows on the face of Philippoussis

reached a career-high No 6 in the world three years ago and has compiled an enviable 13-3 record in tournament finals. Enqvist's quarter-final oppo-

nent is the unseeded Marc Rossett, who backed up his defeat of Tim Henman by dismissing Bohdan Ulihrach, of the Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4. 6-2. Enqvist and Rosset have traded verdicts in their six previous encounters, although Enqvist has won the past

Karol Kucera, of Slovakia, has survived the scattering of seeds in this tournament. A semi-finalist last year, Kucera, seeded No 7, advanced to the quarter-finals yesterday with his fourth straig in as many marches here. Wayne Ferreira, of South AfriKucera, a 6-3, 6-3, 7-5 winner, strode through to a match with Nicolas Lapentti, of Ecuador.

Lapentti, ranked No 91 in the world, earned the matchup by halting the entertaining progress of Andrew Ilie, of Australia, in four sets. Lapentti's 6-4, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2 triumph was his easiest of the tournament: he was extended to five sets in each of his three previ-

The consequence was that Lapentti suffered from cramp in the fourth set and only just made it to the finishing post. He admitted later than a fifth set would have been beyond

Grand-slam tournaments afford the anonymous a greater stage and Lapentti, 22, has taken his chance with relish. He had never progressed beyond the second round in 11 previous efforts.

Lapentti is essentially a clay-court specialist, his presence among the last eight highlights the preponderence of baseliners to have flourished here. This hard court surface appears to compromise the serve and volley brigade. Against that, none of the 14 Spaniards in the draw among them three seeds survived the second round.

Petr Korda, the defending champion, fell in the third round after a 3hr 25min marathon against Todd Martin. seeded No 15. Martin's greater penetration on service, especially in the first set, eventually told on Korda, whose efforts here have been undermined by speculation surrounding the positive drugs test he sub-mitted at Wimbledon in July.

Once again, a handful of spectators vented their spleen on Korda, who has more resembled a curious circus act than a man defending a grand-slam title. The indignity heaped on Korda must prompt the game's authorities into a wide-ranging review of

the anti-doping programme.
Players who test positive for class one substances, such as be banned before the appeals process kicks in and the authorities must ensure that



The eyes have it: Enqvist maintains his stern concentration as he successfully wards off Philippoussis's efforts to turn a two-set deficit into victory. Photograph: Rick Rycroft

rately their intention that players found to have failed a test must then prove their

lawyers challenge successfully the International Tennis Federation's right to appeal against

be closed: A man found with . steriods in his system will be free to ply his trade. It may all .

In contrast to the men, tenwomen's seeds took their place among the last 16. Venus

the programme reflects accu- the Korda verdict, the case will Williams, seeded No 5, had to work hard to overcome Chanda Rubin in two tight sets and next collides with be resolved in the High Court Lindsay Davenport, the world smoother passage in routinely dismissing Maureen Drake, a qualifier from Canada.

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# **SNOOKER**

# Wales dig deep for Cup

When Scotland, aided by a break of 90 from Stephen Hendry and a solid frame win from John Higgins, led 3-1. they looked set to add the trophy to the World Cup that they won in Bangkok a little more than two years ago.

Morgan beat Chris Small in the fifth frame to launch the Welsh revival, however, and it By Phil Yates

individual record of the event,

with 12 wins from 16 frames,

eathered momentum when Williams produced an outstanding 101 clearance to account for the sixth after Higgins, who was 22-0 ahead, had missed a straightforward red. Small, who boasted the best regained the initiative for Scotland at 4-3, thanks to a break of 79, but the stubborn streak exhibited by the Welsh all

week came to the fore again. Williams, in partnership with Stevens, had a break of 74 in the closing doubles frame and won the ninth against McManus singlehandedly. Stevens, whose previous career highlight was an appearance in the final of the United Kingdom champion ship this season, then held

firm against Hendry.
He mittated the scoring with a break of 41, potted a red, laid a Chinese snooker and, after Hendry misjudged his attempted safety shot, stepped in with a break of 46.

"We got the format right and I am delighted with the way we played." Morgan said. "It's a very proud moment for all of us. We have just beaten the best team in the world." The Welsh players collected £17.500 each.

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The pace dropped in the sec-

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ends, all of them singles, but

Marshall, whose consistency

with his opening bowl did the

damage, was always in con-trol. Marshall was well aware

that Gourlay had recovered

from a two-set deficit in the

quarter-finals and was pre-

pared for a gritty response at the start of the third set.

Facing a difficult lie on the

# **SPORT IN BRIEF**

# Clinical Kosir stays cool to clinch win

signa: Jure Kosir, of Slovenia, took full advantage of mistakes by Pierrick Bourgeat, of France, and Thomas Stangassinger, of Austria, to win the men's World Cup slalom race in Kitzbühel yesterday. Kosir, who was third after the first run, produced a time of Imin 36.40sec to narrowly beat Didier Plaschy, of Switzerland. Giorgio Rocca, of Italy, was third. Errors by Bourgeat, the first-leg leader, and Stangassinger, the series leader, who was second on the first leg, left the way clear for Kosir. In Italy, Alexandra Meissnitzer, of Austria, extended her

lead in the overall World Cup standings when she won the women's giant statom race in 2min 26.20sec at Cortina D'ampezzo. Martina Ertl, of Germany, was second with-Anita Wachter, of Austria, third.

#### Brown runs into form

ATHLETICS: Jon Brown, the 1996 European cross-country champion and British 10.006 metres record-holder, showed that he is coming into form in time for the London Marathon in April with his best run of the winter in the Basque town of Elgoibar, in northern Spain. The Sheffield runner, who lives in Canada, held Paul Tergat, of Kenya, the four-times world cross country champion, to record a losec victory in the 10.6-kilometre race. Tergat crossed the line in 29min 13sec, with Brown finishing second in 29min 23sec.

# Williams finds his best

FENCING: James Williams yesterday produced the best home result in the Corble Cup, Great Britain's round of the sabre World Cup, in recent years. He earned four victories in the seeding round-before he defeated Thomas Ducourant, of France, 15-12. Franck Ducheix, his next opponent, also of France, was forced to retire with a torn leg muscle with the score at 12-11. In the last 16, against Steffen Wiesinger, of Germany, Williams damaged his foot, but won 15-14 before losing 15-13 in the quarter-finals to Carlo Fornario, of Italy. The event was won by Raffaello Caserta, of Italy,

# Adelaide delighted

ECYCLING: Stuart O'Grady, of Australia, right, the winner of the Prutour in Britain last year, delighted his home crowd in Adelaide yesterday lead in the six day Tour overall. He had started the final day's 120-kilometre : street race on a tight circuit with a lead of ibsec from



# Lawn stage late fight

were defeated by The Lawns, based at the David Lloyd Centre, in Enfield, in the zone finals of the women's national inter-club championship, while Torbay, the runners-up last year, were beaten by West Cornwall. The Lawns, who trailed throughout, went into the last end five shots adrift, but scored two doubles and a four against a

# **History was made** at Twickenham on December 5th 1998 ..But not for South Africa



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#### Marshall defies the odds ALEX MARSHALL, who start-BY DAVID RHYS JONES full house and Marshall

**BOWLS** 

ed the tournament as a 100-1 outsider, won the world indoor singles championship at Potters Leisure Resort in Norfolk yesterday, beating David Gourlay, the 1996 champion and No 6 seed, 7-6, 7-2, 7-0 in an all-Scottish final.

Marshall. 31, a storeman from Tranent, who had qualified for the championship only rwice before, in 1992 and 1995. when he lost to Andy Thomson, has a much better record than those odds would suggest. Outdoors, he won the world pairs and fours titles at Worthing in 1992 and he reached the pairs final again four years later. Indoors, he won the Scottish singles title in 1994 and the world pairs with

Richard Corsie in 1995. "Since then, I have not been playing as well," he admitted. On top of that, I've had a difficult year moving house, changing clubs and losing my

father, so it was great to hit my best form." Gourlay, whose form was

patchy on the way to the final. changed his bowls for his assignation with Marshall, preferring the mediumweight swingers that took him to the title three years ago to the narrow-running heavyweights that he had used in

his first four matches. "It didn't work." he said afterwards, "but I can't blame the bowls. Alex played superbly and, after the first set, never gave me a chance."

Gourlay squandered an easy chance to win the first set. when, at 3-4, he failed to put his fourth bowl within 18in of

opening end. Marshall took a brave decision to fire and produced one of the best shots of the championship. Driving accurately through a small gap, he removed two enemy bowls and scored a treble that hit Gourlay hard. Two ends later, it was all over. Scoring

two doubles, Marshall became the fourth successive the jack to score a set-winning Scot to win the world title.

ICE SKATING

# Russians tipped for success

THE European figure skating championships, which begin here today, are the first senior International Skating Union (ISU) competition of the new programme en route to the 2002 Winter Olympic Games, and they are likely to reveal several outstanding newcom-

For the men, the first test

comes today, when they will be required to skate their free

programme in the qualifica-

tion rounds, which, for the

at semior level, will

FROM ANGELA COURT IN PRAGUE nal score, The women's qualifiers take place on Wednesday.

Russia is favourite to take all four titles here. Maria Bu-tyrskaya, the defending champion, should have no trouble in the women's competition. especially in the absence of Irina Słutskaya. Alexei Yagudin. the world champion is tipped for the men's little, but will face strong opposition not only from Alexei Urmanov,

ympic champion, but also from Evgeni Plushenko, 16. who out skated both men in the recent Russian national championships. Great Britain has entries in

three of the four disciplines. Stephanie Main will compete in the women's event, while Clive Shorten and Neil Wilson are entered in the men's competition. Charlotte Clements and Gary Shortland, two-times the national ice dance champions, will be looking to improve on their eighteenth

by successfully defending his Down Under to win the race Jesper Skibby, of Denmark.

BOWLS: Typ Green, the holders of the Yetton Trophy. double to win by one.

# Sri Lanka may go home early as bowling action of Muralitharan is put back in the spotlight

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# Kanatunga J deserves censure for shameful behaviour

There were ugly scenes on and off the field at Adelaide on Saturday. Michael Henderson gives his verdict

Acket in the final over of an extraordinary match, were by turns predictable, eventful and shameful. It was a marvellous win for Sri Lanka, but a grimday. Muniah Muralitharan, their off spinner, was no balled their off spanner, was no comes for throwing. Arjuna Ranatum-ga, the abrasive captain, will face a disciplinary hearing in Adelaide tomorrow, charged

with misconduct.
Ranatunga, who will appear before Peter van der Merwe, the match referee, was cited for his overall performance on a day that called for leadership and got instead childish tantrums and, unper-donably, the bullying of

Unless Van der Merwe comes down strongly against Ranatunga, the International Cricket Council (ICC) will be seen to have ducked the issue. if he suspends him, as he should, for Ranahinga acied in contravention of five of the nine points laid out in the ICC regulations drawn up last year, Sri Lanka may well decide to up sticks and go home. For all the excitement of a

game that produced more than 600 runs and a superb hundred in each minings, it will go down as the day that

ers on t field and for the unseemly manner in which players on both sides behaved. It is entirely right that Rana-

tunga should be called to account, because his side's gamesmanship corrupted the day and they take their cue from him. Nor did the play-acting end there. The Sit-Lankans wanted the game to be called off between impings because they claimed, the light was not good enough -

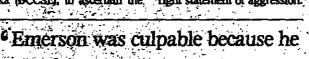
Although nobody in the Enghind camp will speak publicly bout Ranatunga's behaviour,

THE events at the Adelaide the private view is that he is a Oval on Saturday, when Sri menace. On Saturday, he lectured the unipries to the point of telling Ross Emerson whereto stand

It was predictable that Emer-son would no ball Muralitharan for chucking. This is the man who called him seven times in a one day match in Brisbane three years ago. The only surgrise was that he felt he needed ten balls from his vantage point at square leg to make the call, in the eight-centrover of the innings. The events that his decision

provoked were also predicta-ble broadise whispers last week od that Receivings would take his team off if the bowler was called. In the event, it was not quite a walk-off. The if was not quite a wate-on. The players balled by the gates at the members' enclosure, where the captum entered into discussions with Van der Merwe and

the imprires.
Ranatunga and Ramith Fernando, the Sri Lanka manager, also rang Colombo to speak to Thilanga Sumathina-la, chairman of The Board of Control for Cricket in Sri Lan-



had surrendered his control earlier?

gency meeting yesterday and empowered Sumathipala to appoint a legal team if neces-

sary to defend Muralitharan. The game eventually continued 14 minutes later. Ranatunga's behaviour from then on bore no mark of grace. Indeed. Alec Stewart could be heard later in the day on the stump microphone, telling him it was. "disgraceful" for the captain of an international side to carry on as he had done. Stewart was not blameless himself; bumping into Mahanama as he walked from behind the

appeal for dismissal. Given the closeness of the outcome, any one of these misstamps at the end of an over McGrath in control GLENN McGRATH, the seam bowler, took five wickets as Australia inflicted an 80-run defeat on Sri Lanka in the Carlton and United series at Adelaide yesterday.

Australia were all out for 270 from the last ball of their 50 overs, but went on to dismiss the World Cup-holders for 190 in 41.4 overs. McGrath, pictured right, took five for 40 to finish with his best one-day international figures. The win left Australia in second place in the triangular series, two points behind England, with Sri Lanka bottom despite their controversial win over England on Saturday.

The visitors were 30 for three in the seventh over when Arjuna Ranatunga, the Sri Lanka captain, was boosed on to the ground as he came into but, one day after he had led his team than the pitch against England. Ranatunga faced two deliveries before McGrath struck again and he was caught for a duck.

hesterouse of actions The BCC. There was also a general feelg or enmity between the

Emerson was culpable, be-

cause he had surrendered his

control of the match earlier in

the day. When Muralitharan :

stoppage, Ranatunga instruct-

ed the umpire to stand directly

over the stumps, so he could

not properly see the bowler's

arm action. Emerson simply

After that, nobody emerged

with high marks for good be-

haviour. As the match came to

boiling-point, with Sri Lanka

chasing 303 for victory, things

Gough in his follow-through and Gough responded later in the over by lowering his head

obstructed

did as he was told.

got nasty.

Mahanama

The main victim of this poisonous atmosphere was Emerson. Quite apart from the rights and wrongs of call-ing Muralitharan, he presided over a seven-ball over from Gough, failed to refer a runout to the third umpire when Jayawardene, 33 at the time, was short of the line, signalled a four hit from Jayasuriya as six and, by missing Mahanama's obstruction of Gough, he could not uphold England's





committee of the International

Cricket Council (ICC) that deals with bowling actions. and said that, so far as it were concerned, Muralitharan's "basic action" was legitimate. The word "basic" is important. for it is felt that Muralitharan's off-spinner comes out right, but his top-spinner is suspect. When the ICC has sifted through Van der Merwe's report and sat in judgment, again, on the off spinner with the freakish action, the world of cricket may be wiser. Or, given the division over his action, perhaps not.

haps was important. Taken

together, they constituted a re-

markable sequence of events

that indicate why Emerson is not widely regarded as the

Emerson's decision to no-

ball Muralitharan brought to

a head a matter that has fes-

tered since the Sri Lankans ar-

rived in Australia. He was one

of three umpires who called

Muralitharan for throwing on the last tour. Tony McQuillan,

standing at the other end on

Saturday, was one of the oth-

ers. The third man was

Darrell Hair, who described

Muralitharan's action as "dia-

bolical" in his recent autobiog-

raphy. Invisible as he was on Satur-

day, Hair is directly involved

in the reopening of these old

wounds. He stood himself

down from the panel for this

series, even though he is Aus-

tralia's senior umpire, and the

Sri Lankans feel that the other

umpires were keen to make a

point on his behalf. On Friday.

when the teams meet again in

Perth. Emerson will get anoth-

grounds for complaint. They

are unhappy that an impres-

sion has been given that some

umpires had referred Mura-

litharan's action to Van der

Merwe after the opening

games of this triangular com-

petition. The referee has since

said that nobody has raised

the matter, although his obser-

vations will feature in an end

Doug insole, who was on the ground, sits on the sub-

of tournament report.

The Sri Lankans have some

most competent of arbiters.

One of the spectators in the ground on Saturday was an American, attending his first cricket match. What a day to

Muralitharan, bowling at the end of Emerson, the umpire who no-balled him from square leg. was at the centre of the controversy against England at the Adelaide Oval on Saturday

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(74 bala, 3 fours)
\*\* A J Stewart c Ranstungs b !
(35 bals, 6 fours)
G A Hick not out.
(118 bals, 4 sixes, 5 fours)
N Hussain c Tillekratine b Jaya
(7 bals, 1 four)
N H Fairbrother not out.
(7) bals, 2 sixes, 4 fours)
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Sri Lanks won by one wicket. March sward: D P M D Jayawardena

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CHGLAND MATCHES TO COME: Jan 28: V Australia (Adelaide) Jan 28: V St Lan-ia (Parth) Feb S: V St Laniac Sydney) Feb S: V Australia (Sydney). Feb 10: First final (Sydney). Feb 12: Second final (Met-bourne). Feb 14: The

# Graveney holds talks to cool the tempers

DAVID GRAVENEY, the England tour manager, responded the ill-tempered game with Sri Lanka on Saturday by meeting Peter van der Merwe, the match referee, yesterday, along with Alec Stewart and David Lloyd, the captain and coach. Afterwards, he issued a statement, cleared by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) in London, which emphasised the desire to

return to healthy competition. The England representatives accepted the referee's concern about the general atmosphere and Graveney has reminded Stewart that, as captain, he is responsible for his team's conduct. But he admitted that there had been no contact with the Sri Lanka team.

or any of its representatives. There was a closing of ranks around Stewart, who barged into Mahanama on Saturday evening but who will not be carpeted by Van der Merwe today. According to Stewart, it was "the least enjoyable game of cricket I have ever been involved in - and I know that is a view shared by all those in

Graveney, a good-natured man of easy charm and gentle humour, makes an ideal diplomat in such trying circum-stances, but even he looked a bit chastened yesterday, so FROM MICHAEL HENDERSON IN ADELAIDE

poor were relations between the teams the day before. He spent much of his time on the phone to Tim Lamb, the ECB chief executive, briefing him on the whys and wherefores of the match. "I tried to explain the circum-

stances and the mood in which the game was played," he said. "We were perceived as being sucked into incidents and, as cricketers, you have to concentrate on the game. It was the most extraordinary match I have witnessed, as a player or as somebody who simply observes the game."

Of Stewart, he said: "I have stressed to Alec the responsibiltties he has under Law 42:1. namely that the captain is responsible at all times for ensuring play is conducted within the spirit of the game as well as within the Laws."

"We all agree that events during Saturday's match have no place on a cricket field. We have accepted that and I have given clear instructions to Alec and all the players to ensure we are not involved in anything similar again. From our point of view, the matter is now closed and we are all keen to put the match behind us,"

Stewart said: "I am fully aware of and accept my re-

tain and will be doing everything possible to make sure that myself and my team conduct ourselves in an appropriate fashion in the remaining matches in the series and beyond.

- Menson II chance. vrong bus

It was a shame that the many controversial incidents clouded the more attractive Lanka won after a terrific run chase. There were two balls left when Muralitharan, of all people, clouted the winning

They could not have won without a superb hundred by Jayawardene, building on the early work of Jayasuriya, who had walloped a scintillating 31-ball half-century. There were also useful contri from Ranatunga and Chandana as Sri Lanka overcame a poor start of eight for two.

From England's point of view, it was another day of glory for Hick, who followed his hundred against Australia in Sydney with 126 not out. He made 154 unbeaten runs with Fairbrother for the fourth wicket, 53 coming off the last three overs with an incredible display of judicious hitting. Hick struck four sixes, all to leg, with big swings of the bat. Fairbrother finished on 78 and proceeded to hold three catches and effect a run-out.



# Time ticks for England

ENGLAND A travel to Kwekwe this morning, relieved, at last, to have completed a cricket match against Mashonaland but wary that time is run-ning out before the first unofficial Test match early next month. Awaiting them will be a strong President's XI side, against whom they will play a four-day match, starting

The choice of Kwekwe, a former mining settlement two hours' drive west of Harare and remarkable for little more than a century-old papier maché house — Zimbabwe's first prefabricated building — as a venue for this march had caused raised eyebrows when it was first announced.

The frustration of the Old Hararians' ground, where three days of fine weather were wasted as overnight rain leaked under the covers, causing the cancellation of the four day match against Mash-oraland, led to the tour management seeking assurances about the suitability of condi-Lions in Kwekwe. Those assurances have been given, appar-

FROM THRASY PETROPOULOS IN HARARE

73 runs, an unexpectedly comfortable margin after the tour-ists had been dismissed for 159. The province's much vaunted Test-class batting line up could manage only a meagre 86 runs between them. plainly unable to come to terms with an unpredictable pitch and tight; penetrative bowling from Jason Lewry, Steve Harmison and Graeme

Scoreboards

Swann, who each took two

wickets ... ·· Encouraging though it may have been, the tourists will be only too well aware that two completed one-day matches are hardly ideal preparation for the rougher challenges to

ome.
"Everything we've done so one-day cricket, not the prepaone-day critical, not the proper of the limited-overs match ration for a Test match in ten day's fishing.

days' time," John Emburey, the tour coach, said, "but the four-day game in Kwekwe will that was finally possible be a big game and you can against Mashonaland more or less say that the Test brought England A victory by team will come from the major-

ity of those players.
"It will be difficult for the guys who don't play in Kwekwe but play in that first Test match. Because we are going to give everyone a game in one of the two Tests, there are go-ing to be a few players who are not going to get any cricket between now and the second Test. Some of them won't have played any cricket before that anyway, so their first firstclass innings is going to be in a Test match.

Emburey also confirmed that no replacement has been called for Paul Hutchison, the Yorkshire left-arm seamer, who is sidelined for at least two weeks after damaging his lower back bowling in the ets. The players were given the

entire day off yesterday, a rare luxury in a congested itinerary. One group chartered an far has unfortunately been aeroplane to visit the Victoria Falls and the rest opted for a

# Gatting's spinners take six

THE England Under-19 spinners set up an encouraging first day on tour in New Zealand for Mike Gatting's team, taking six Auckland Emerging Players' wickets between them. Graham Bridge and

Robert Dawson undermined the hosts sufficiently to bowl them out for 209, before England reached 66 without loss in reply by stumps at Wellington. Richard King top-scored with 66 for the Emerging Players, but the England openers, Jan Flanagan and Michael Gough, the captain, quickly

and 30 respectively. Gatting was pleased with the first showing of his team. "This is the nucleus for the World Youth Cup defence in India in 2000."

put the hosts' struggles into

context with knocks of 36

# **Relief for West Indies**

EAST LONDON (South Africa won toss): West Indies beat South Africa by 43 runs

CARL HOOPER and Shivnarine Chanderpaul hammered centuries as West Indies levelled the seven-match limitedovers international series against South Africa by win-ning the second match by 43 runs at Buffalo Park, East London, yesterday.

Chanderpaul made 150 and Hooper 108 as West Indies piled up 292 for nine after beng sent in to hat by Hansie Cronje. Amid the high scoring, Shaun Pollock, the South Africa all-rounder, finished with six for 35, his best figures in a one day international. South Africa were quickly re-

duced to 18 for three. Despite half-centuries by Jacques Kal-lis and Mark Boucher and a typically robust innings of 46 by Lance Klusener, the home side were never on target to reneat the sensational run chase that enabled them to win the rain-shortened first limitedovers match at the Wanderers in Johannesburg on Friday. Hooper completed a memo-

rable all-round display by dis-

By Our Sports Staff

missing Cronje and Jonty Rhodes, the key men in the South Africa middle order, with his off spin. South Africa were all out for 249 with 3.1 overs left. It was the first win over South Africa for the West Indies on a tour that has been beset by controversy from its outset and saw them slump to their first whitewash as they were beaten in all five Test

Records tumbled as Chanderpaul and Hooper enabled their side to recover from a dis-



Chanderpaul: record

astrous start in which Pollock dismissed Philo Wallace and Nixon McLean, the fast bowler promoted as a pinch-hitter, in the first over.

Their fourth-wicket partnership of 226 was the best for any wicket for the West Indies and Chanderpaul recorded the highest score made against South Africa in a limited-overs international.

Chanderpaul and Hooper, team-mates for Guyana. surpassed one of the proudest West Indies records when they overhauled the fourth-wicket record of 149 between Clive Lloyd and Rohan Kanhai that provided the foundation for the West Indies triumph against Australia in the 1975

World Cup final at Lord's. They then beat the West Indies record for any wicket when they went past the 221 scored by Gordon Greenidge and Viv Richards for the second wicket against India in Jamshedphur in 1983-84.

Chanderpaul's 150 bettered the 122 scored by Phil Simmons in Kingston, Jamaica in 1991-92, which had been the highest individual score made against South Africa.

# **Pakistan** batsmen struggle

PAKISTAN suffered an embarrassing batting collapse against India A in Gwalior yesterday on the second day of the opening match of their

After Wasim Akram. the captain, took five wickets to give the touring side a 58-run lead. Pakistan lost four wickets for eight runs to slide to 23 for five in their second innings. An unbroken partnership between inzamam-ul-Haq and Salim Malik rescued the situation to take Pakistan to 107 for five at the close for an overall lead of 165. Laxmi Shukla, the 17-year-old all-rounder, justified his inclusion in India's 14-man squad for the first Test, which starts on Thursday in Madras. with three wickets, while

Dodda Ganesh, took the

other two wickets to fall.

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Derby County

high notes.

By ROB HUGHES

IN 135 years, the FA Cup has seen and heard it all, but down at the Vetch Field on Saturday, the ad hoc grandstand male voice choir was something else - necks the size of Mike Tyson, beer-bellies overhanging the seats in front of there, repertoire more Barmy Army than Eisteddfod. "Stand up if you hate Cardiff," was the recurring refrain, although it was when Cyril the Swan came to salute them that they really hit the

Grown men pouring out their undying affection for a cartoon caricature bird ... strange times indeed on the Gower Coast. And try though the stewards did to persuade them to be seated, it became a cause as lost as the Cup-tie when the mass of the crowd, from elderly to very young, stood and sang and swayed with the hard core.

# Carbonari silences Welsh choir

If anything was more incessant, it was the wind and rain billowing off the sea, turning the pitch into a bog. If anything demanded more energy, it was wave after remorseless wave of Swansea City advances. And if anything was more cer-tain, it was that a foreigner would steal the day for Derby County.
The visitors had what West

Ham United lacked on this pitch ten days previously; the heart and discipline to soak up Swansea's passion and break, just once but decisively, to score. One exquisite act, delying the quagmire surface, showed what separates the FA Carling Premiership from the rest. It was Argentinian, composed and transcended an otherwise equal struggle.

For 80 minutes, Horacio Angel Carbonari, who cost Derby £2.7 million from Rosario Central,

had defended sometimes close to the end of his tether against rain splashing into his face and Julian Alsop, the target of every aerial Swansea raid. But in the 81st, up for a free kick from Lee Carsley. the slender, angular Argentinian controlled the moving ball on the left side of the Swansea penalty

"We needed a moment of magic to finish a dour contest," Jim Smith the Derby manager, said. Carbonari gave us that. A couple of dummies, a little chip and he picks out Kevin Harper at the far post. I have to admit, I was concerned we could go the same way as West Ham."

Smith's praise is too short, his description too crisp. What Carbonari did was to demonstrate, against opponents who had given their all

physically tired, the value of being comfortable with the ball at both feet. He shimmied to the left, stopped, checked. He shimmied to the right, and stopped again — and, when enough defenders were drawn to him, he guided the ball defuly to Harper, a substitute full of pace and running, to head the solitary goal of a gloomy afternoon.

The Vetch Field choir went qui-

et. But gloom? There is no likelihood of it lasting with John Hollins around. The Swansea manager, the twelfth to be appointed since the extraordinary reign of John Toshack, Hollins exudes a boyish joy at being back in ful-time football after almost a decade away, relish even at the shoestring lower end of the league.

As a Chelsea player, he radiated enthusiasm; as a manager, he is standards of his players. "The dream has gone," he said on Saturday night. "Now it's back to reality. After three games against. Premiership teams, we lost by one goal against Italians. Germans: you name it.

"Of course, they're downhearted in the dressing room, because it hurts, but we'll pick them up and see if they can translate the cup form into the league. I was thrilled watching Stuart Roberts. a lad barely out of school, run at international players on the wing. I had two players, Kris O'Leary and Damien Lacty, with almost no experience, finding the pace of

"OK, if we want to get up, we'll have to work on things, like seeing if we can add a bit of finesse to big Julian Alsop. We'll be in on Monday, starting to do that."

Derby had one chance and made it count. Swansea lacked the player whose goal finished off West Ham Martin Thomas was in a Swindon hospital where, on Safurday, he had three operations on a cartilage and ligament in the knee and a hernia in the stomach, the legacy of persevering through pain for 85 minutes against West Ham.
"He sent a fax." Hollins said.

"and the lads wanted to run their hearts out for Martin today." They did that, it was not enough, yei Saturday was awash with hope, from a manager in revival to schoolboys, cygnets from nine, years upwards, who want to be swans. The ground was awash with them and the Cup, a passing glory, came and went without harming the dream.

SWANSEA CITY (4-4-2). R Freedone — S Jones, K. Otterry, M. Bound, M. Howard — S Roberts, D. Lasey, N. Custaris, J. Costes (sub. F Appleby, Servini — J. Alsop. S. Wardin. DERBY COUNTY (3-4-1-2) M. Poom. — S Prior H. Carbonesi, S. Schmoor. — J. Laursen, L. Bohrine (sub: R. Mozsiak, 37), L. Carstey, A. Dorigo. — J. Beleno (sub: S. Sluott, 65) — D. Burton (sub: National (sub: Nation

FA Cup: Keegan's men go to top of class with stirring victory as Collymore sits it out

# Fulham come up with the right answers

By ALYSON RUDD

THERE are some pupils who skip a grade at school because they are bright and need to be challenged. At present, Fulham are just too clever for the Nationwide League second division and, while they sometimes plod with disinterest through it, they usually come top in all the tests.

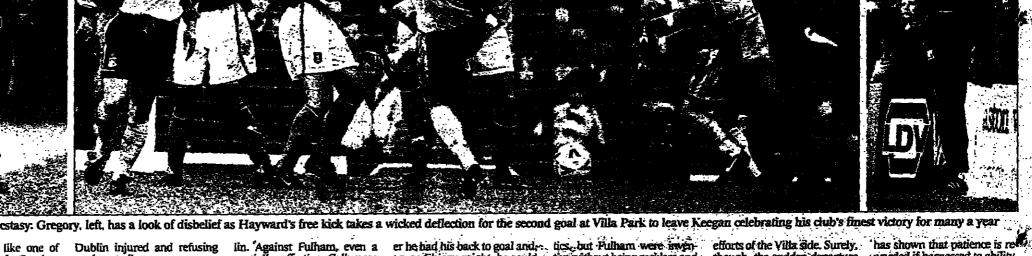
On Saturday, though, Kevin Keegan, the club's special tutor and so much more than his title of chief operating officer suggests, said: "We were asked different questions today." Fulham relished answering them.

So far this season, Fulham have beaten Southampton home and away in the two cup compentions. Fulham were slightly outclassed by Liverpool, but not embarrassed, and now they have won 2-0 at Villa Park. It is customary to ask, when a first-division side takes on an FA Carling Pre-miership club, whether that team could cope in the upper echelons. But is rare indeed to be wondering the same about one from the second division.

who entertained, excelled, looked comfortable. Keegan said that Villa supporters approached him to tell him that no other team had played so well at Villa Park this season. Indeed, this was the first time that John Gregory's team had been prevented from scoring at home. Even the dazzling Celta Vigo, who dispatched both Villa and Liverpool from the Uefa Cup, could not stop Stan Collymore snatching a

Ah, Stan, All afternoon, the cry could be heard: "Where is Sian? Slowly, the truth







Agony and ecstasy: Gregory, left, has a look of disbelief as Hayward's free kick takes a wicked deflection for the second goal at Villa Park to leave Keegan celebrating his club's finest victory for many a year

those episodes of Cracker. where a strong-willed witness. intent on silence, is persuaded to part with little gems of insight. Gregory wanted to leave the issue at "no comment", but in the end he revealed that the controversial striker had been named as a substitute, that Gregory had been forced to alter the names on the bench and that Colly-

more was not injured.

A picture thus emerged of

Collymore, fully expecting to be Joachim's striking partner. discovering that he could not make the team even with Dion to play at all. Gregory said that Colly-

more still has a future at the dub - "he's under contract" but that he would not be part of his plans for Villa's next match, at St James' Park. It is possible to view the inci-

dent as a defining moment in Collymore's chequered career. He will now either part company with the club he loved as a boy and which was supposed to soothe his tortured soul, or he will face up to the fact that he needs to improve his form before he can count himself on a par with Joachim and Dub-

partially effective Collymore would have been useful. Merson partnered Joachim and displayed some neat touches in the first half, but, by the second period, he was looking tired and clumsy. And is there any sense in playing both Hen-drie and Merson, who have similar styles and serve a simi-

effective of the pair? The importance of a good target man was illustrated by Geoff Horsfield, of Fulham. The former bricklayer was completely in charge whenev-

lar function, when Hendrie is

presently the fitter and more

try as Ehiogu might, he could not prevent Horsfield laying off the ball. One particularly perceptive reverse pass put Collins free inside the penalty area, but he mistimed his

Although both goals came from set-pieces, Simon Morgan with a ruthless header from a corner by Steve Hayward and Hayward with a free kick that was deflected past Oakes by Peschisolido, there was a confident fluidity to the visitors attacking play. Keegan promised that they would not employ negative tac-

tive without being reckless and often left Peschisolido to weave forward without support. mindful of the danger that Villa pose on the counter-attack.

Today. Philippe Albert begins life on loan at Craven Cottage. He will be lucky to see much first-team action, for the Fulham defence was outstanding. On the rare occasions that Joachim did manage to slip his marker, Maik Taylor, in goal, was alert.

Gregory was adamant that nothing had affected his team's morale before kick-off, and he praised the initial though, the sudden departure of Collymore had some

Most of the home side's passing was, at best, half-hearted and metivation seemed to be a fleeting visitor. Nor was the controversy a one-off mishap. Merson had only just made up with his manager after misunderstandings relayed in the media about the player's rehabilitation and a clutch of players have found the transition from no hopers to title. chasers problematic, for, sud-

denly, it has made competition

for places an issue. Gregory

impact.

warded if harnessed to ability, with Joachim the prime example of a player who whined a little then waited, then scored

then became a certainty. For all Collymore's transgressions, his comments last week were relatively mild he simply wants first-team football. The real issue is whether he is good enough to Wiscitach fie is groud chough to be given 2ny.
ASTON VILLA (3-5-2), M Cakes — U Brogu, G Southgale, G Barry — S Watson, R Scimeos, I Traylor, L Hennie, A Winjarf (sub: D Vessel, 35-nin) — P Merson, J Joacht PLI HAM (3-5-2), M Taylor — K-Symons, S Morgan, C Coleman — S Finnan, W Collins, P Bracewell, S Hayward, R Brivett — P Percheological Cube N Smith, 82), G Hossied Referee: D Blerty.

# sense of injustice

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By Kevin McCarra

AS FA Cup engagements go, this was not an affair of flashing swords and daring raids so much as a case of trench warfare. Each sliver of territory was gained ardu-ously and there were heavy losses as Everton edged their way to victory. Casualties included Marco Materazzi, the Everton centre half, who was sent off, and the good humour of the home supporters.

At full-time, a phalanx of stewards surrounded Mike Riley as he left the field. It looked like the entourage that leads a boxer to the ring. but they were actually trying to spare the official a punch-up. At least he antagonises on an equal opportunity basis. In stoopage time. pswich Town believed that they had equalised with a drive from Fabian Wilnis, but Riley had seen a foul on David Unsworth by Richard Naylor in the build-up.

One might be grateful to the referee for turning an inconsequential match into an impassioned conflict. were it not for the fact that he excecded his brief by doing so. With Everton 1-0 ahead. David Johnson and Materazzi, in the 48th minute. jostled one another while pursuing the ball and the Ipswich forward reacted by pushing his marker to the ground. Riley showed each man a ellow card and the Italian, who had been booked already, was thus

Although Ipswich's prospects had improved. Everton turned the incident into a cause and defended as if each tackle was a righteous blow against injustice. The heedless challenges of Unsworth were alarming, particularly when con-ducted inside his own penalty area. but the indignant resistance

worked. The visitors rarely looked like scoring and George Burley. their manager, may have been recognising his team's inferiority when he made only a mild complaint over the referee's disinclination to award an equaliser.

The most intemperate act of all by the inflamed Unsworth came when he barged Don Hutchinson aside and insisted on attempting a pass himself. Increasingly, Everton are happy to leave distribution to the midfield player. At the start of the season, Hutchison seemed to be a candidate for redundancy at Goodison Park, but the strength, leadership and discernment that he has shown since brought him the cantaincy after Duncan Ferguson was sold. After 38 minutes, he chased to keep the ball in play, before delivering the cross that John Oster headed against the post. It bounced back into the path of Nick Barmby, who recorded his first goal at Goodison since October 1997. It was Hutchison, too, whose exquisite timing released Michael Branch with ten minutes remain-

ing, but the substitute fired wide. Had it not been for Michael Ball's mistake before the orderingoff of Materazzi, when he hit the top of the crossbar from six yards. Everton would have won comfortably. They were without eight players and Alex Cleland, after tearing a calf muscle, will be out for six weeks, but the team's spirit has not been diminished. As in the last round, away to Bristol City, Everton were supposed to be vulnerable. On each occasion, they have prevailed. The vultures must look

elsewhere for carcasses. ENERTION (3-5-2), T. Mylore — A. Creland (sub. J. O. Kare, Sprint), M. Microscott, D. Unselvott, — M. Ward, A. Grent, D. Hiscotton, N. Barriby, M. Bat. — D. Cadamaton (sub. M. Blanch, T. S. J. Octor (PSWINCH TOWN) (3-5-2), P. Winght — K. Thotas (sub. A Torres, B.), A Mondarsy, M. Verus, — F. Wilhington, M. Scottwell (sub. T. Branche, TB), M. Holland, J. Caphant — B. Peta (sub. T. Naylor, 45), D. Johnson.

# Everton fired by Newcastle ride the storm Coventry counter

BY GEORGE CAULKIN

THE charm offensive began over diet cola and canapés in a restaurant adjacent to Durham County Cricket Club at the end of last week. Rund Gullit and members of the written media brought together to lay out the groundrules for a more harmonious relationship, to lower the barriers that have built up between Newcastle United and its supporters.

Although it was an informal, offthe-record engagement, there was little that Gullit had not discussed in public before. It was imperative that the club should look forward. he said, that the agenda should not be set by a few Luddite malcontents. Besides, he was happy. The future looks good. Everybody smiled, shook hands and said what a worthwhile exercise the evening had been.

It is in keeping with the spirit of this new concordat that we begin today with the good news from St James' Park. Newcastle, having overcome Bradford City's genuine and tenacious challenge, are, for the second consecutive season, in the last 16 of the FA Cup. Even better, they scored three times, with Alan Shearer — far from clinging



Shearer: effective

to the memory of his career - looking particularly taut and effective. It was Shearer (alleged training ground bust-up), who initiated his side's first goal, providing a neat flick for Temuri Ketsbaia (unlikely to have his work permit renewed) The Georgian's shot was blocked, but Dietmar Hamann (unsettled on Tyneside, thrown out of a nightclub) was well-placed to prod home

the rebound. The Newcastle manager's peptalk was on Thursday, but this is Monday, time aplenty for the drip, drip of malevolence that seeps from the club's every pore to reform into a torrent. Wherever you look, there is unrest a dressing-

room riven at the hinges, an uncertain ownership and a manager unable to weld the disparate parties. It is not all Gullit's fault, but, in cer tain areas, his reasoning has been questionable. With comments such as "relegation team", the Dutchman has not enamoured himself to all his players.

It may seem unfair that the win on Saturday should be placed in this context, but such is the truth. On two occasions, Shearer, who scored a well-worked goal, brushed past his manager without making eye contact while Ketsbaia's flattering intervention prompted only gloomy introspec-tion. "When I make a mistake, I seem to be out of the team for months," he said. If Stuart McCall had not glanced a header against a post with the score at 1-0, it might have been worse, but, as things stand, the tension at Newcastle is becoming almost intolerable.

Something has to give. Someone has to leave. Kevin Keegan, fresh from Fulham's success, his legend undimmed, is back on Tyneside for Peter Beardsley's testimonial in two days. And now for the bad

NEWS.

MEWCASTLR UNITED (4-4-2) S Green — A Carlin. I. Charvel. N Dabbas. D Dann — N Schand (s.b.: S Glass, 46mm), D Hamann, G Speed, G Grady — A Sheard. T Ketsbaa.

BRADFORD CITY (4-4-2) G Wash — S Whight (s.b.) I Renton, GG, D Modre, A Wesnwood, W Jacotis — J Lawronca, S McCall. G Whelloy, P Beagne — R Biske. L Mills.

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# Desailly puts end to speculation

MARCEL DESAILLY bas given Cheisea a boost before their FA Cup fourth-round tie against Oxford United at the Manor. Ground tonight by saying that he has no intention of leaving the einb at the end of the season: Desailly had been quoted as having said that he could spring after playing for France against Morocco, the defender insisted that his comments had been

taken out of context.

It's been a lot of noise over nothing. Desailty said: "It's true that I said I would leave a "surprise" by quitting Stans Chelsea one day and that it is ber sion, they are also without Ger ford Bridge if Chelsea won the her to go after winning — but rard and Beauchamp tonight.

FA Carling Premiership. How that's all. I'm here to win some ever, on his return to London thing and after that we will see thing and after that we will see I have a lour-year contract here." Chelsea have Ferrer suspended and Babayaro unavailable, but Oxford have bigger prob-lens, on and off the pitch. Financially crippled and struggling in the Nationwide League first divi-sion, they are also without Ger-

# loss of Boateng

Coventry City...

By Kenth Pike

IT IS four years to the day since a referee, with a simple flourish of a little red card at a combustible Frenchman, set in motion the chain of events that moved football from the back pages to the front (plus pages 2, 3, 4, 5, 12-18 inclusive and a souvenir supplement) and the leading "bong" on News at Ten. At Filbert Street on Saturday, the anniversary was marked in eerily contentious circumstances.

Memories were jogged when the PA announcer reminded Leicester City supporters of one of their favourite old chants: "Who needs Cantona when you've got Ormondroyd? On the pitch. Richard Shaw - once of Crystal Palace and the first person to feel the sharpness of Cantona's stude that momentous night at Selhurst Park was doing his best to marshal the Coventry City defence. And then Alan Wilkie - yes, the very same of-ficial - sent off another, albeit less celebrated. Premiership import.

George Boateng, Spooky, or what? Forumately, Boateng, Shaw's Dutch team-mate, did not feel compelled to launch himself clogs first into the crowd, although he had some reason to feel a trifle miffed. His dismissal was the pivotal moment on an increasingly bizarre afternoon in which Coventry, according to the scoreline, breezed into the fifth round of the FA Cup. In truth. they were blown there by several

powerful gusts of good fortune. Boateng was off the field of play when he earned the sixth yellow card of a fractious first half, leaping Michael Jordan-like to intercept when Martin O'Neill, the Leicester manager, tried to lob the ball to Guppy for a quick throw-in. Yellow

when Boateng left Zagorakis in a crumpled heap on the edge of the area; from baskethall to basketcase, it could be said. And so the die

was cast. Leading by Whelan's deverty lofted goal in the seventeenth minute, Coventry decided that massed defined was their only option. Leices ter, spurning enough good chances to win the whole competition, never mind one tie, failed abysmally to translate possession into goals and their neighbours twice broke the length of the pitch to score in second-half stoppage time, through Telfer and Froggatt, and add a preposterous twist to the score.

Not one for sardines or trawlers (or community service). Boateng was blumt. "I told the ref he was being childish over the first booking. but you could tell after 25 minutes that he was going to send someone off," he said. "The second booking was my first foul." Boateng will ask O'Neill, who insisted "it was not my intention to get anyone sent off" #
and who promised to study the video, to support an appeal.

The Leicester manager, though, has his own, more pressing concerns. While his team might easily have won — Elliott fluffed a firsthalf penalty. Heskey missed two clear openings and Izzet a brace of siners - O'Neill's lack of squad depth, highlighted by Cottee's absence with a calf strain, is not so much acute as embarrassing. Should they lose to Sunderland in the semi-finals of the Worthington Cup — the first leg is at the Stadium of Light tomorrow - a season that promised so much will fall flat.

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LBICSSTER CITY (4-4-1): K Keller — F Snolek, M. Eliott. S Welsin, R. Ukalinome (scib. G Taggert, 72mm) — A Iragey, T Zagoratis (subt. G Parier, E2), N Lennon, S Carpry — Mozet — E Heskey; COVENTRY CITY (4-42; M Heymen — M Edworthy, R Shaw, P Williams, D Burmine — G Boat! erg, I E Solwect, G McAllister (sub: P Cement. 78), 3 Proggat. — D Huderby (sub: P Teller, 80). N Winden

# FA Cup: Favourites scrape through at the death as holders make assured progress

# Seconds out, round five for United

Manchester United.... Liverpool....

BY MATT DICKINSON

ALEX FERGUSON'S tension can normally be measured by the fury of his gam-chewing and, for 88 minutes yesterday, he looked to be in danger of gnawing off his tongue. Time was ebbing away and his Manchester United team could not match the vigour of a wonderfully - and unusually - vociferous Old Trafford crowd.

The plain facts of what happened in those final minutes are that Dwight Yorke and Ole Gunnar Solskjaer scored the goals that knocked Liverpool out of the FA Cup. How and why, though, were the cause of much head-scraiching on Merseyside as the inquests began into a thrilling, if not epic, game.

Tiredness, bad defensive positioning and the referee were cited by Gerard Houllier as the principal reasons, while theer determination by his own team was Ferguson's straightfoward vertical Both managers were right, but it is United who march forward to the fifth round and their campaign remains alive on three

For Liverpool, the journey home meant the chance to reflect that they will once again be without silverware. but there was salvation to be found amid the wreckage yesterday. They may not win any honours; but they may yet finish the season with pride under Houllier's increasingly resolute leadership.
Laughed out of Wembley in

their cream Armani suits the liast time that they met United in this competition, yesterday they made their great rivals look like the ones all dressed up with riowhere to go, at least

for much of the game.
It was impossible not to feel sympathy for the Liverpool players as they shanped to the ground at the final whistle. So roundly criticised for their indiscipline over recent seasons, they had stuck to orders with regimental regard. From Carragher, splendid at the back to the efficient Redknapp in midfield and forward to Fowler, who repeatedly dropped back to make impor-tant tackles, they had, fi seemed replicated Houlier's game-plan to precision.

At least, they thought they had - and maybe that was the problem. Two late errors and the whole construction collapsed around them, but then that is always the danger when you are facing a side of United's attacking power. When a team can bring on sub-



Owen rises in front of Neville to head Liverpool into an early lead at Old Trafford yesterday, where two late goals won a thrilling FA Cup fourth-round tie for Manchester United

Keane hitting the post and

then ince on the goalline. It

was a rare United cross that

found its target, though, as

stitutes of the match changing potential of Scholes and Solskjaer, they can afford to leave things to injury time.

Solskjaer, whose winner came more than a minute into stoppage time (or 'Fergeson time", as it is known by his rivals), has now sepred more goals this season (ii) than he has started games (9). "I'll have to give him more foot-balk," Perguson said. He will need to if the Norwegian is to keep turning down offers, such as he has from Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham Conted recently:

game lasted live too long for us." numes. Houlier said. "We had the chances to soure a second goal and that could have made the difference."

Liverpool did not have to wait long for the first. The game was only three minutes old when Berger glided past Butt and fed the ball via Redknapp to Heggem. The wing

back sped to the byline, from where he spotted Owen, unmarked, for a simple header. "God almighty," Ferguson said later, so goodness knows what expletives he let fly about

Berg's slackness at the time. "I

wouldn't have thought a Sft 6in striker would get a header at Old Trafford in the first five minutes.

Ferguson had to wait 20 minutes for his team to conjure much in response, a header by

Giggs and Beckham struggled to penetrate. Too many of their



Solskjaer scores United's dramatic late winner through a crowded goalmouth

deep, while Cole and Yorke lacked movement. Perhaps it was the early start.

The tensions were evident in the United bookings, which outnumbered Liverpool's by four to two. Never a vicious game, some of the tackles were eye-watering. Keane's lunge at Redknapp the worst of the bunch.

United's frustration was down to the number of misplaced passes and it was Liverpool who went closest to scoring, with Fowler shooting just over the bar and Berger forcing an excellent save from chmeichel at close range.

Liverpool had deeply in the first half, but after the interval, they allowed themselves to be pushed back to the point that they were treading on James's toes. Gradually, the number of United chances began to increase, with James rushing out of his box to thwart Cole, a shot by Keane deflecting wide

Wenger's side. That theory proved to be a misconception, because

Wolves did not suffer from the para-

lysing bashfulness that afflicted

them in losing to Arsenal at the semi-final stage of this competition last season. The visitors, for a long

spell, were unable to make any

to set up camp in the opposition's half. To do so, where Arsenal are

concerned, can be rather like pitch-

ing tent in a soggy field in winter.

There is little fun to be had. Impas-

sive as ever, the Arsenal defence

gave the impression that it would be

its normal, stifling self. Exciting

though Robbie Keane is, the teenage

forward was usually forced to play

With industry, Wolves were able

meaningful return to the attack.

off Carragher and just over the crossbar. When Scholes replaced Butt

and a strike from Cole looping

after 68 minutes, United were exerting more influence and the loss of Ince through injury was debilitating to Liverpool. Keane hit the inside of the post and there were only two minutes left when Redknapp was adjudged to have fouled Johnsen, a decision that Houllier contested. "Maybe we showed a bit of inexperience by worrying about the decision instead of getting into position,"

he said. Beckham's chipped free kick was headed by Cole to Yorke for a simple side-foot finish. Solskjaer wrapped things up moments later. MANCHESTER UNITED (4-42) P Sch-meichel - G Neville, J Stam. H Berg (sub: R Johnsen, 80mm), D Invin (sub: O G Solsi-jater, 80) — D Backham, R Keane, N Bult (sub: P Scholes, 68), R Giggs — A Cole, D Yorke

LIVERPOOL (3-5-2), D. James — J. Canagher, D. Matteo, S. Hortmess — V. Heggerri, J. Redirespp, P. Ince (sub: J. McAleer, 71), P. Berger, S. Bløpmelbye — R. Fowler, M. Owen Referee; G. Poll.

Wolves by heading in via the post.

Rumbustiousness followed, with

Muscat catching Bergkamp in the

face with an elbow in one exchange,

Flo, in the 55th minute, eluded a

defender to take Muscat's pass and

fire against the inside of the post, All

the same, the visitors flourished

thereafter, establishing that they could respond to peril. Mike Stow-

ell, the goalkeeper, saved from Dix-

on, Bergkamp and Overmars before

Remi Garde's corner was partial-

cleared and Bergkamp volleyed

from 25 yards. Attempting to block,

the head of Flo sent the ball brush-

ing against Anelka's hip and into

the net. Colin Lee's side cursed their

being beaten in the 69th minute.

and Arsenal wavered.

# Arsenal draw comfort from home tie

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

ARSENAL, the FA Cum holders, have endured a much passage during their attempt to retain the trophy this season, so it was with some relief that they received a home tie in the fifth-round draw vesterday. They will play the winners of the delayed fourth-round match between Sheffield United and Cardiff City, which is being played at Bramail

In the third round Arsenal trailed 2-0 against Preston North End, the Nationwide League second division side, before recovering to win 4-2. In the fourth round, at Molineux yesterday. thev defeated Wolverhampton Wanderers 2-1 thanks to a late, deflected goal from

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Dennis Bergkamp.
"I'm just glad the next game is at Highbury," Lee Dixon, the Arsenal full back, said, "We've been away in our last two matches and it'll be nice to get back home."

On the strength of an apparently easy draw, Arsenal have been made second favourites, at 4-1. to win the Cup. Manchester United, who have been paired with Fulham, conquerors of Aston Villa on Saturday. at Old Trafford, head the field at 3-1.

Dixon, though regarded the visit of Sheffield United or Cardiff with caution. United knocked Arsenal out of the Cup at the third-round stage three years ago, winning 1-0 at Bramall Lane after a I-i draw at Highbury, and Cardiff lead the third division by five points. "I

#### DRAW

Arsenal v Shelfield Utd or Cardifl Wresham or Huddersfield v Derby Leeds v Wimbledon or Tottenhan nslev v Bristal Rovers Sheff Wed v Oxford or Chelses Newcastle v Blackbum Manchester Utd v Fulham ☐ Ties to be played the weekend of February 13

remember the Sheffield games." he said. "and I wouldn't like that to happen again. '

George Graham, the former Leeds United manager, who left the chub only four months ago, would be assured a warm reception on his return to Elland Road if his Tottenham Hotsour side manage to overcome Wimbledon in their replay. The teams drew 1-1 at Selhurst Park on Saturday.

Chelsea, the FA Carling Premiership leaders, take on Oxford United, the struggling first-division side at the Manor Ground tonight with a tie against Sheffield Wednesday at Hillsborough awaiting the winners.

Of the other all-Premiership ties. Everton take on Coventry City at Goodison Park and Newcastle United meet Blackburn Rovers at St James' Park.

Bristol Rovers, the second division side, were disappointed with their draw away to Barnsley. "It would've been nice to have got Tottenham." Jason Roberts, the Rovers striker who scored twice in their 3-0 victory against Leyton Orient, said.

# Petit provides latest blot on Arsenal character

Wolverhampton Wanderers......1

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By KEVIN MCCARRA

FOR the EA Cup, clubs dress themselves in tradition like men donning period costume. The victors were to

be draped with the venerable epithet of "Lucky Arsenal", having secured the win with a Dennis Bergkamp shot that hit one Wolverhampton Wanderers player and then Nicolas Anelka, his team-mate, before finding its way home. The Highbury club also displayed some disreputable traits of more recent vintage.

Emmanuel Petit was sent off in

The 86th minute for a gesture of dissent at a linesman that brought a straight red card from Steve Dunn, the referee, rather then his second booking, it was the France midfield player's third dismissal since he joined the club and Arsenal's seventh of the season. In Arsene Wenger's period as manager, there

have been 19 sendings-off.

feeling able to call the incident "a mmor offence".

Wenger also reckoned that serious misconduct by the home side, which saw Bergkamp hit in the face, went unpunished. "We are not a dirty team," the manager insisted. Whatever trouble they may incur

with the authorities, Arsenal were also at odds with themselves. In a fitful performance, the Cup-holders imposed their authority fully only in the latter stages and, with the score at 1-1, Havard Flo had struck the post for Wolves. It may be that Arsenal, in common with most spectators, were misled by the ease with which the match began for them. Reality took a while to register.

It is one of the charms of the Cup that it pairs teams who know little of one another, but Wolves' apparent lack of familiarity with Arsenal's ways was outlandish with regard to the opening goal, in the tenth minute. The clubs might as well have come from separate continents rather than different divisions.

"I am not happy with what happened on the field with the referee."

Wenger said, adding that he did not though he merely rolled the hall to



You're off: Petit sareastically applauds Dunn, the referee, after being dismissed at Molineux. Photograph: Hugh Routledge

Marc Overmars in the Arsenal half. The winger kept on running, stopping only when it was time to celebrate. As he approached the penalty area, defenders such as Mark Atkins and Keith Curle still kent their distance. Did they imagine that Overmars was incapable of

finishing from there? They had allowed him as much time as a golfer requires to read the line of his putt and the Dutchman rolled a shot into the corner of the net.

sage contributed to the delusion that they would be taken advantage of by

The naivety of Wolves in that pas-

When it arrived, danger was trig-gered from an improbable distance. The long ball from Kevin Muscat, after 35 minutes, would have posed little difficulty had Alex Manninger not chosen to try to reach it. Matthew Upson, his centre half, rightly stood aside to allow the goalkeeper access, but Manninger never made contact and Flo, the Norway forward, scored his first goal for

in innocuous areas

ill-fortune, but it was the alleged profanity of Petit's gesture that was to register most dramatically yesterday afternoon.

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (4-4-2)
Stowell — M. Afhins (sub. D. Connolly, 90mm).
Richards, K. Carle, F. Massar, — C. Robinson (sub. Sedgley, 81), N. Einbern, S. Cisborn, M. Giftes (sub. Simpson, 81) — R. Keane, H. Flo.

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# Rovers deliver in purple patch

Leyton Orient ....

BY NICK SZCZEPANTE

YOU have heard, no doubt, the expression a game of two halves? enty-five minutes of energetic but unspeciacular stalemate were cona signed to memory by three late goals as Bristol Rovers advanced

to the FA Cup fifth round for the first time in 20 years. Leyton Orient must have felt that they had drawn Rovers' sting when their marking of Jamie Cure ton, scorer of four goals in their previous game, proved so effective that he was moved to the wing to allow the introduction as substitute of Gary Penrice, the player-coach. Moreover, in Amara Simba, the them." former France international, they.

had the most accomplished-looking forward on the field and had come closest to scoring through Alex Inglethorpe and Dean Smith.

It all counted for nothing. In the 76th minute, Jason Roberts shot in after Smith had cleared a Penrice effort off the goalline after a disputed free kick: David Lee then robbed Roger Joseph before driving in the second and Roberts volleyed the third via a post. Rovers could even have made it five with steadier limishing, but the Memorial Stadium's record crowd of 9,274 went home more than content.

For 75 minutes, we matched them," Paul Clark, the Orient as-sistant manager, said. "We were disappointed that it came from a free kick that was questionable, but Gary Penrice told me that that's how things are going for

In fact, since victory over Well-

cup, Rovers have lost only one of their 13 games, a tribute to the remodelling of his side by Ian Holloway, the player-manager. "I'm very pleased with this squad that I'm getting together," he said. "We are all so young everywhere, but

they are quality kids." After overcoming three Nationwide League first division sides in the competition, as well as Welling. Holloway hoped the draw for the fifth round would give him a chance to test his young team against a higher calibre of opposition. But they might have to play well for more than 15 minutes.

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BRISTOL ROVERS: (4-4-2): L Jones — D Prachand, S Foster, M Trought, T Chaifs — R Trees, D
Lee; I Hollowsy, M Mealer (sub: G Pennes, 68min)
— J Curston; J Roberts:
LETTON. ORIENT (5-3-2): C Mackenzie — W
Welscherts, D Smith; 6 Clark, R Joseph, K Ampachy (sub. D Curran, 77) — D Bestl, M Ling, M
Lockwood, (sub. J McDougeld, 47) — A Inglethorpe, A Stress.
Referee: B Hisns.



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# Carbone waves his magic wand

Sheffield Wednesday ...... Stockport County.....0

By Martin Woods

DANNY WILSON, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, has been running the rule over Hugo Portirio, the Benfica and Portugal striker. However, Wilson's main reservation about signing Porfirio concerns how it might affect the balance of his side. Apparently, he fears that Porfirio might be a clone of Benito Carbone; in which case,

Wilson is a comedian. After Saturday's performance against Stockport County, of the Nationwide League first division. the Wednesday manager would be well advised to lasso Porfirio's agent and agree to the original price that he had been quoted for the player.

For most of this season, Wednes-day's sole attacking threat has been Carbone. On Saturday, the little magician contributed to Wednesday's breakthrough goal in the sixteenth minute, when he received Hinchcliffe's short corner and curled in a sweet cross that was headed home by Thome, and

scored one of his patented exocets 57 minutes into the second half. County could ill-afford to lose a goal to a set piece, let alone lose Dinning, their full back, to a pulled hamstring after just six minutes. Gary Megson, their manager, who twice reached the FA Cup semi-finals with Wednesday in the Eighties, persisted with the man-mark-

ing of Carbone. Such a tactic might well have had appeal on the dressing-room's blackboard, but it was surely folly, given that even the cream of Serie A's defenders would probably find

Carbone a handful in his present

Unfortunately, Wilson's side has struggled to reach top gear on two successive occasions this season and, but for some woeful finishing by County, the second half might have assumed the traditional characteristics of this historic compention. Apart from Carbone's goal, it was impossible to escape the sense of ennui. Talking of his little Italian. Wilson said: "He only wants people to believe in him and I certainly do that." Hillsborough, on Saturday, was no place for agnostics. Like

Wembley, in fact. SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY: (4-4-2) P Smook — P Alberton, D Walvar (sub. J Newtoms, 75mm), E Thome, A Hischolife — W Jonk, P Rudi N Alexan-denson, D Somer — R Humphreys (sub. A Booth, 62). B Carbone

STOCKPORT COUNTY (5-3-2) CNash — S Connelly, M Flynn, M McIntosh, P Cook, T Diming (sub: J Garnon, 6) — W Philips (sub: R Matthews, 6), D McIness, C Woodhorpe — S Angell, I Moore

# FA Cup: Gallagher asked to explain his actions after Ginola hands over post-match gift

# FA likely to throw the book at referee

Tottenham Hotspur.....1

BY MATT DICKINSON

WORKING for charity is not always a rewarding business, as Dermor Gallagher is about to find out. The referee left Selhurst Park on Saturday clutching David Ginola's shirt for a fund-raising auction, but whatever it costs the prospecalready cost Gallagher the chance to officiate the FA Cup fourth-round replay next week between these clubs.

The Football Association will write to the Banbury official this morning to "ask for his observations". In short. they will want to know why an experienced official was so stupid as to leave a game with a gift from a player.

Gallagher's charity explanation is, no doubt, an entirely honest one, but referees must be above suspicion and Joe Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, could hardly be blamed for choking on his post-match cuppa when he saw Ginola and Gallagher exchanging more than post-match pleas-

antries in the tunnel. There are guidelines for referees that they should not procure autographs, lifts and, quite sensibly, shirts from players before or after matches and, in breaking that code of conduct. Gallagher has put himself at the mercy of the FA

The home club mostly laughed off the incident on Satbie Earle said, but there was concern laced with his humour and the FA may feel they have no option than to remove Gallagher from the replay.

If Gallagher is demoted, it should be for another incident entirely. Last season, he became the first referee from the FA Carling Premiership to be suspended for his failure to send Steve Bould off for a scy-thing tackle on Gianluca Vialli and this match saw him once again neglect his duties.

Justin Edinburgh had al-ready been booked for a late tackle when, with five minutes left, he went through the back of Jason Euell's ankles. If not a malicious challenge, it still carried enough venom to put the Wimbledon forward out of the game and Gallagher's first reaction, quite properly, was to reach for his pocket. It ap-peared certain that he would brandish both yellow and red.

With George Graham, the Spurs manager, screaming his protests and Edinburgh putting on a look of choirboy innocence. Gallagher issued nothing more stern than a ticking-off and Kinnear spat out his frustrations.

Of course, no one wants to see the English game blighted. as the World Cup was, by needless dismissals and it was far from a dirty match, but when a referee so clearly neglects his show consistency, it is no wonder that managers and players

berate the game's officials. At least it all offered something to talk about other than Ginola's diving. "He's stayed on his feet today," kinnear



Ginola, centre, enjoys the moment after scoring an outstanding goal that earned Tottenham Hotspur a replay next week

for the rest of his career. If I said things about him in the week, it was for the good of the game. He seems to have heeded it and cleaned up his act. Maybe he's been honest and looked at himself."

This was only the second encounter of five in a month between these clubs and they

are already looking jaded. It

was a dull cup-tie enlivened only by two wonderful goals. Wimbledon went ahead after an hour with a goal of Jamaican flamboyance from Earle. When Leaburn's header looped across goal, it was behind the midfield player.

launched a spectacular over-

Trust Ginola to match it. Apart from a lew flashes, he had been shackled well by Ken-Cunningham. Searching some space, he drifted infield and a quick shimmy past Earle provided the room for a crisp, low drive from 20 yards.

scoring rate remains so low.

# **Portsmouth** lurch deeper into turmoil

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

PORTSMOUTH were up for. the Cup, but the evidence of a deeper concern lay every-where. Fly posters adorned the walls around Fration Park claiming that Martin Gregory, the owner and former chairman, was wanted for crimes against Ports-mouth FC. "Approach with caution," prospective bounty hunters were warned.

the theme as the fourth-round tie progressed, bored with Leeds United's mounting goal tally and determined to put across their heartfelt message. "For Sale," read the leaflets they held aloft. "Would suit visionary businessman with an interest in local football," read the subtext.

In the match programme, too, the pleas to save Port-smouth — £5 million in debt, losing £5,000 a day, Inland Revenue owed £405,000 kept on coming. Michael Sotnick's letter, reproduced photographically, was touching.

I am very worried about what is happening to my club," he wrote. "I have an idea ... I want to give all my pocket money I have saved to the club and my dad says that if every supporter does the same, we will all be able to buy Portsmouth rousant Club. Then this terrible thing will not happen again. I will always support Pompey. I hope they will not die." Michael, from Waterlooville.

Portsmouth went ahead in the ninth minute, when Nightingale finished off the good work of Peron and Claridge. but the Pompey Chimes were soon silenced.

Hopkin took a short corner.

Within four minutes, the FAY Carling Premiership side were in front. Igoe needlessly the area and Harte's rapier thrust flew past Knight. From then on, Leeds lol-

loped into the fifth round almost with contempt, despite lacking Bowyer, McPhail. Smith, Radebe, Molenaar, Hiden, Haaland and Batty because of injury, suspension and international duty.

At times in the second half, Kewell, 20, caressed the ball around with his left foot. Woodgate, 19, strolled in defence and Jones, 18, scampered in midfield, on his firstteam debut.

"It was case of the babies looking after the younger babies," David O'Leary, the Leeds manager, said. "I was very proud of them. I've had." to flog them a bit recently, more than I'd like to, but they are a great bunch. I'm their friend, I'll look after them."

Keweli slapped in Hassel baink's cross, Ribeiro's shot deflected wickedly over Knight via Whitbread, and Wijnhard tucked in Kewell's long-range pass. It could have been more as Portsmouth fell apart and incurred, rather unfairly, the wrath of Alan Ball, their manager. "I'd like to have at least thrown a few punches in defeat," he said.

The Leeds fans filed out cheerily, while those of Portsmouth aimed a few more derogatory chants at Gregory and pledged their loyalty to the cause. Among them, as always, was Michael Sotnick.

# Alcock pushed into spotlight

By Peter Robinson

AT 230pm, a voice boomed across the press room at Oakwell, "Gentlemen, before you all run away, you should know that the referee will not be giving interviews." so what? "it's Alcock." somebody whispered.

Oh, that Alcock, Paul Alcock, as in Paolo Di Canio, as in falling over at Hillsborough. "It's his first game back," somebody said and suddenly a Saturday afternoon of

little promise was looking up. Sadly, it was not his first game since September 26, he had four afterwards, but his

herniated disc proved to be too painful and he was signed off games. This was his first sen-

There was some irony in the fact that his return was not far from Sheffield, scene of the defining moment of his season, that he had to make almost the same drive up the MI to this game as he did that day -what must he have been thinking? And this was clearly a big deal, otherwise why the protective cloak wrapped around him to ensure that the dreaded meejah did not ruin his day by asking: "How was it for you. Mr Alcock? Glad to be back?"

3pm all eyes were on the little chap leading out the teams.

Wood v Luton Town in the He blew his nose in the centre Barnsley goalkeeper, refused first round of the FA Cup on circle, got through the pleas- to return to his post between November 15 and, after that, a antries and there were 13 min-the posts until order was reutes of ref-watching until Barnsley scored — Sheridan driving in a loose ball - and ior fixture since then. everybody remembered that this was a Cup-tie.

Five minutes into the second half, Bouremouth equalised, through Howe, but then Vincent and Ovendale, the Bournemouth goalkeeper, got into a horrid mess on the edge of the area and gave Hignett the easiest goal of his career, rolling the ball into an empty net while they stood and watched. Martin Bullock turned in Hignett's pass to settle matters. And then, at last, a bit of con-

troversy. Bournemouth supporters behind the Barnsley So, a few minutes before goal had a collective loss of temper and Tony Bullock, the

stored - sensible, really, since those supporters complained later that he started it by making a rude gesture towards them. Then, after the final whistle and with one and all heading for the dressing-rooms,

the second Barnsley goal. What did the referee think of it all? No idea, he left without saying a word. Which was a shame, to be honest.

Alcock booked Ovendale for

complaining, belatedly, about

BARINSLEY (3-5-2): A Bullock — A Moses, M Appleby, A de Zeeuw — N Eaden, S Mc-Care, K Richardson, C Higned, D Shendan — D Goodman (subt K Rose, 77mm), J Hen-dine (suft: M Bullock, 63) BOURNEMOUTH (4-4-2): M Ovendale — N Young, E Howe I Cox, J Vincent (sub: R-Boli, 75) — J Bailey, S Robinson, R Hughes, C Warren (sub. J O'Neill, 66) — S Petcher,

# Sheffield emerge from classic a

Notts County. Sheffield United er extra time 3-3 after 90min)

By RICHARD HOBSON

MEADOW Lane went into a time warp on Saturday. Here was an old-fashioned FA Cuptie that never wanted to end. Played on a surface that resembled a beach at kick-off and a mudhath two hours later, it featured long-range shooting of such improbable quality that a second look at the team sheet was required to check that Ronny Radford had not made a comeback.

Notts County should have completed the tale by upset-ting Sheffield United, their supposed superiors. With six

minutes remaining of this tion as County imposed them-twice-postponed third-round selves in the second half. "I before Borbokis floated a free and comfortably the better side. Daunted by the possibility of such success, perhaps, they lost their nerve and the visitors scored twice to take

the match into extra time. Even then, the contest continued to twist and turn. Marcelo put United in front for the first time, only for Quinn to be sent off for a second yellow-card offence with 23 minutes remaining. Kelly produced two outstanding saves to deny Hendon and Garcia and Garcia chipped over the bar from close range. Having lambasted his side

for a woeful performance in the initial game. Steve Bruce, the United player-manager. was entitled to fear humiliawas 138, but it could have been 238," Bruce said. "We were a little bit fortunate." Now, the priority for United

is to cut a £7.5 million wage bill. Victory in the home fourth-round tie against Cardiff City on Wednesday will give impetus to a season that has threatened to stall.

For Sam Allardyce, the Notts County manager, the outlook is more sombre. Somehow, he has to raise morale in a side that appears to be heading back towards the third division. "I feel terrible," he said immediately after the latest defeat. "I hope the players will take the positive things from the performance." Jones had given County the

replay, they were 3-1 ahead counted my heart-rate and it kick beyond a badly-aligned wall shortly before half-time. A screaming left-foot shot by Murray from 25 yards restored the advantage before Jones made it 3-1. United replied instantly

through Holdsworth, the captain, who shot through a crowd of players. Then, in the 89th minute. Morris centred perfectly for Marcelo. The drooping County heads emphasised just how the initiative had swung.

NOTTS COUNTY (4-5-1), D Ward — I Hen dun, M Redmile, I Sichardson, D Peaco (autr F Tierney, 107mm) — R Libund, G Ow-ers, A Hughes (sub: T Garca, 56), 8 Murray A Dyer (sub: G Strodder, 100) — G Jones A Dyer (Sub: G Strooder, 1701) — G Jones SHEFRELD UNITED (4-4-2) A Kelly — J O'Connor (sub R Ford, 75), D Holdsworth, I Saridford, W Ournn — V Borboks, N Henry (sub L Morie, 61), C Woodhouse, M Twess — Mancelo, (sub: A Jacobsen, 110), G Suart-

# Wrexham hit high note

Huddersfield Town.....

By BILL EDGAR

THE Wrexham crowd delivered a traditional greeting to visiting supporters who might have forgotten that their journey to the match took them across a border. "Argentina, Argentina," they taumed, reminding the English of their World Cup conquerors. Many followers of Welsh clubs remain keen to emphasise their national identity.

With these clubs marooned in the lower divisions, the FA Cup has provided some optimism with three Welsh clubs in the fourth round, one of whom, Wrexham, of the Nationwide League second division, deserved to progress even farther against Huddersfield Town, a first division

club. Perhaps Welsh football is becoming healthier and less in need of large loans from the English Football Association.

Brian Flynn is the third longest-serving manager in either the FA Carling Premiership or Nationwide League and, consequently, a settled squad has emerged. Dave Brammer and Karl Connolly, who have spent a combined 14 years at the club, caught the eye and combined for Connolly's seventh-minute goal.

Connolly came close to adding further to his five FA Cup goals this season, but his for ward partner, one Ian Rush, rarely looked like improving his record of scoring the most goals in the competition this century. He may not have secred in 15 matches for Wrexham this season, but the former Liverpool player, 37, has retained some skills, a near dummy contributing to

his team's goal. Wayne Allison headed Huddersfield's 22ndminute equaliser from a cross by Marcus Stewart. Impressing Peter Jackson, the managhas become doubly important for Allison and his colleagues now that "substantial funds" have been earmarked for strengthening the team by Barry Rubery, the

Huddersfield's fine home record makes them favourites for the replay. Should the Englishmen lose on penalties, the Welsh supporters might well draw parallels with the World Cup and repeat their favourite South American chant with

WRIEDHAM (4-3-3). M Carryarpin — M McGregor. D Spink B Carry P Hardy — D Brammer P Ward. F Messell — M Chall, K Cornolly, I Ruch NUDDERSHELD TOWN (4-3-3). N Vassen — S Jenkins S Colurs, K Gray, T Cowan (such D Berochord, 28mm) — G Johnson, D Philipps, R Edwards — P Barrier, W Alleson M Stewart Referee: P Jones



Pulling power: Henchoz, of Blackburn, gets to grips with Phillips at Ewood Park. Photograph: Peter Wilcock



# Gillespie gives Kidd hope of repeating his successes

Blackbum Rovers .....

By STEPHEN WOOD

A GLANCE at the books that chronicle the history of the FA Cup is not enough. It requires another, sustained look to absorb the fact that Biackburn Rovers, whose awful recent record in the competition will rival that of any other club, boast seven triumphs, ail told. If trips to Wembley are secured by making your own luck, the workaholic mentality of Brian Kidd, the Blackburn manager, could well pay off again this season.

In a short space of time, Kidd has instilled a sense of belief in his players at Ewood Park, a belief that, despite Sunderland, the Nationwide League first division club, dominating much of the fourth-round encounter on Saturday, was enough to protect their slender advantage.

The last time that Blackburn won the FA Cup was in 1928 and they have not even appeared in a final for 39 years. In Kidd, however, they have a man whose record in the competition is rather more Having helped Manchester

United, as assistant manager, to three finals in this decade Kidd knows how to build a side that can overcome any opposition on any given day. With the return from injury and suspension of Chris Sutton, Tim Sherwood and Garry Flitcroft, so the theory goes around Lancashire, Blackburn will be leading contenders. Kidd was magnanimous enough to admit that Sunderland deserved something from their encounter. Afterwards, therefore, his own fields of vision were

game as it comes".

Keith Gillespie, the Black-burn winger, could not resist looking farther ahead. Last season, with Newcastle United, he collected a runners-up medal and, after he had scored the winning goal on Saturday, he said: "It won't surprise people to hear that I want to go one better this season. The final against Arsenal summed up my time at Newcastle — a big let-

His goal, after 67 minutes. restricted to "taking each

Gillespie: winning goal

down. I'm glad that I've been able to make a fresh start and to be honest, I think I've got something to prove to a few

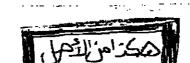
silenced the vast travelling support, who had abused Gillespie throughout for his black and white connections. About 5,000 fans came from the North East, but, in essence, they had little to shout about. Even when Jeff Kenna, the Blackburn defender, was sent off for a foul on Kevin Phillips Kenna's second bookable offence - Sunderland failed

to threaten seriously their opponents' goal. If I was going to be hyper critical. I suppose we did lack bit of cutting edge." Peter Reid, the Sunderland manag-er, said, but I thought we were unlucky as well, because the way we passed the ball was a credit to the players. I think we showed we can live

with the best." That will be the consolation for Reid. His team are favourites for automatic promotion to the FA Carting Premiership and any evidence that suggests they will not go straight

gass they will not go straight back down again should be accepted gratefully.

BLACKBURN ROVERS (5-4-1). J Flan (sub. T Flowers, 43min) — J Kenna. D Feacock, (sub. N Biske, 46), S Henchoz M Bromas, C Dawleyn — K Gillespe, D Dawr, J Wilcox, D Duff (sub. G Crok, 64) — Domin J. Williams D. (4-4-2): T. Sorensen — C. SJRIDERSAMD (4-4-2): T. Sorensen — C. Maldin, A. Mahalle, P. Butter fauth. M. Smith. 80), M. Gray — A. Risa (sub. n. Summarbose. 82): G. McCann, L. Clarke, A. Johnston — N. Curin (sub. n. Curin, 89). K. Philips



# Frost revels in home comforts

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN STELLENBOSCH

DAVID FROST proved that home advantage can sometimes be a pleasure, not a pen-ance, when he won the South African Open here with a rousing last round. Frost grew up in these parts. This was his home course, on which he has played countless rounds, and now he owns a vineyard near Paarl, 25 miles away. In winning on a course that he knows like the back of his hand, Frost did much as Ernie Els had done one week earlier when Els won the South African PGA championship on a course that he had played hundreds of times in his youth.

It was Frost's second victory in the tournament and the occasion was embellished by the way that he played one of his best rounds to snatch the lead on the 71st hole from Sven Struver. Frost's 68, three under par, on a day when the wind had got up and turned a difficult course into a tiger, was a round of high quality. Only ten men beat par yesterday. Frost, 39, finished one stroke ahead of Scott Dunlap and leev Singh, the increasinglyimpressive Indian.

The crux of Frost's round came on the 70th hole. In Frost's opinion, this 456-yard par four, which was played into the wind, is the most difficult hole on the course. Once he had secured a four there to remain one stroke behind Struver. he allowed himself a



Frost familiar course.

Dealer East

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trump, opened One Diamond and rebid One No

Trump over North's One

Heart response. North raised

to Two No-Trumps, the final contract. Both Wests led a

heart to the queen and king, then split their heart honours

on the next round of the suit,

and were allowed to hold the trick. Both Wests returned a

club to dummy's queen. East discouraging. Both declarers continued with a spade to the

king and ace.
At this stage West knows a
lot about declarer's hand.

Apparently he has 7 or 8

points in hearts and clubs. and the decision to attack

spades suggests the queen and king. Therefore declarer

cannot have the ace of dia-

monds. Both defenders

realised it was right to play

diamonds, and a small card

looks obvious; but both

promptly laid down the king,

and played a second dia-

Walter Control

enter

slight pat on the back. Perhaps that was why he played the 71st so well, teeing off with a two-iron, hitting a nine-iron to 20ft and then rolling in the putt to go five under par and level with Struyer. Frost's a weakness, had recently be-come a strength, thanks to a tip, given by a fellow profes-sional late last year, to move his head to the right after impact. This move has the effect of making his hands, and hence the putter, go through the ball towards the hole.

He still had to face a crisis,

though, when his drive on the 72nd hole rolled into the rough only the second fairway that he missed from the tee all day and then his second shot rolled into a greenside bunker. Frost's bunker play is as good as his putting and now he exploded to 2ft to get his par and remain five under.

In the meantime, Struver had dropped strokes on the lith and 12th, but birdied the 15th to get back to five under par. His luck ran out when he needed it most. His drive on the last hole rolled into a divot in the middle of the fairway and, from there, he yanked a nine iron into a pond to the left of the last green and took a six.

In this, he was typical of many. Though Steven Webster had a 70 that included two eagles, to finish joint-fourteenth. with Peter Baker, among others, high scores were commonplace. Ignacio Garrido had an 81, as did Clinton Whitelaw. Carrido and Whitelaw had been in second and joint-third places overnight, one and two strokes behind Struver. Garrido plummeted to 34th, Whitelaw to 43rd.

Struver's grip on the tournament began to loosen in the third round on Saturday. At one point, he was nine under par and four strokes ahead. but he finished with a 73, which included an eight at the 12th, and a 74 yesterday. Yet Struver was philosophical at way. "That's golf," he said.

♣ J10853

Note that if West starts

with a low diamond, it leaves

the wrong hand on lead after

the ace and king of dia-

monds, and declarer scam-

pers home with his eight

tricks.

Geir Helgemo and Tor Helness, of Norway, the defending champions, won the 1999 Macallan International Pairs Championship. They were

assured of victory with one round still to play, having led from the start. Omar

Sharif, who has played in

nearly every staging of the

35-year-old tournament, was third with Christian Mari.

Final scores 1, Helgemo and Helness 585 VPs; 2, Lauria and Versace (II) 517; 3, Sharii

and Mari (Egypt/Fr) 516.

Robert Sheehan writes

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

By ROBERT SHREHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Usually in defence it is correct to lead a low card unless you

have a suit headed by two touching honours. On the hand that follows from the Spingold, the major US national teams event, both players in the West seat spotted an exception.

Game all

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Contract: Two No-Trumps by South. Lead: five of hearts.

South, playing a strong no-trump, opened. One mond through declarer's 9.7.

for one down.

♥ K83



# Els unites all colours of the rainbow

one sportsman stands out above almost all others. In this once-divided country, Ernie Els unites more people in his sunport than Bobby Skinstad, the newest rugby sensation, whose face peers out from Khumalo, of the Kaiser Chiefs football team, or Hansie Cronje, the captain of the South Africa cricket team. There was a touching demonstration of the broad appeal

of Els, the bulking Afrikaner, here at Stellenbosch Golf Club last Wednesday evening. Els finished his round in the pro-am on the 9th green and, before he could begin clambering up the path to the stone clubhouse, he was surrounded and honised by black

One, in particular, addressed him in an immaculate and loud English accent, grabbing him by the hand and arm, his voice carrying back to the tee of the hole that Els had just completed. Els smiled and laughed at what was being said and, as he did so, the other caddies habbled would say he had no idea of Watson, Gary Player.

He's a character. He makes later. Els: Hettie Ernie's moth-

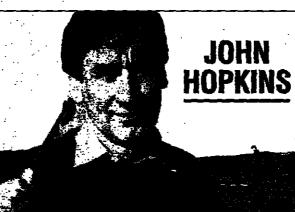
walked

with her son

holes

in the second round of the South African Open, pleased and proud to note his demeanour and the esteem in which he is held and then retreated from the 40C heat to the shelter of the

The boys, Dirk and Ernie, were competitive with one another. It was good for Ernie when he was growing up that he had to struggle to keep up with Dirk, his older brother. As youngsters, Dirk painted the walls of his bedroom while Ernie stuck up posters of Jack Nicklaus. His heroes



"After television came to South Africa, we gave them a portable black-and-white set for them to watch - but only after they had done their homework. Ernie used to hide it under his duvet and watch it. I pretended I did not know. We had a billiard table in the house and one day I walked into the room and saw him standing on the table practising his putting. We have laughed about that a lot since. Ernie is the calm one. He has a lot of self-confidence and is quite assertive. Dirk is hot-

"I was worried when Ernie won his first US Open that he might not be able to cope with it all. I thought 'Heavens, no. It's like growing up too soon.' I felt he was too young. It was a great big thing to win that major. I worried that he might get carried away. I did not have sleepless nights, but

I was uneasy.
"But the crisis is over now. He is 29 and mature and financially in the big league. He is handling people the way he should. His steadfastness comes from inside. It is because he is such a solid, self-contained boy. He is not any different now that he is famous. He still has this thin, little South African accent."

Thin and little are not adjectives that can be applied to the massive Els, who resembles a flank forward. As a teenager, as a tennis player good enough to represent his prov-ince and a fly half who could kick with both feet, he was as thin as a butcher's pencil.

"If I played top-class tennis, I'd still be as thin as that," Els said, but I had to fill out a bit for this sport. Sport is very important to me. In fact, sport is my life. I follow sport first and the stock market second. I have a satellite dish and I can watch sport when we are in the US. We get tapes of rugby matches sent to me and some times I see them on a TV channel three days later."

On December 31 he married Liezl, his long-time girl-

ly peaceful. We've got the dogs there - a labrador and a party to end cocker spaniel and a Great one guest claimed that Dane, which is almost one year old now. We shall be away from South Africa until Els organised practice for re-

maining

guests in the

early hours of

ing -- the bride and

groom fled to

the west coast

try. "I am a city boy and I had

never been there," Els said.

"We were roughing it. There

was no electricity. We used

gas lamps and candles and

slept under canvas. Water for

the toilet was brought from

the sea. We are so spoilt,

spending our time in five-star

hotels. I didn't shave for days.

sad to be leaving home, flew

to Perth for the Heineken

Classic this week. "It is tough

to leave our home in George."

Last night, Els, obviously

It was great."

May or perhaps August."
As he begins making his towards the United States, where next month he will Duval and Tiger Woods, against whom he felt he performed so inadequately for the latter part of last year, Els does so knowing that he carries the best wishes of a country, not just one race, with

The evidence for this comes from Johann Rupert, Els's mentor and one of the country's most successful businessmen. "We have a young lady working with us. She is black and good-looking and at a tournament recently she and Tiger Woods had a picture taken together. Then Ernie came around and she got a picture of herself with him. She took the photographs back to her friends and they were all more interested in seeing the picture with Ernie than with Tiger. It suggests

## Els said. "We've been here for home, a beautiful house, real-Funk seeks to build on promising start

close to winning both of the year's first two events on the US Tour, stayed in contention after the penultimate round of a five-round tournament for his first victory at the Bob Hope Classic in Palm Springs. California.

Despite struggling late in the fourth round, Funk scored 69, three under par, to remain at the top of the leaderboard for the third successive day. Funk's four-round total of 268, 20 under par, gave him a oneshot lead over Steve Pate, his fellow American.

Funk was among the lead-



Funk in contention

FRED FUNK, who has been ers in the first three rounds of close to winning both of the Mercedes Championship. the Tour's first event, before finishing in a tie for fifth. At the Sony Open last week, he fought back in the final round with a 65 to finish jointtwelfth. This year, I've been playing really well and just letting it happen," he said. "I've a new focus this year. I'm determined to play well early in the season and I have so far."

At the Naples LPGA Memorial in Florida, Juli Inkster, of the United States, scored 65, seven under par, to make up three strokes on Karrie Webb and share the lead after the third round.

inkster took advantage of a triple bogey at the 14th by Webb, of Australia, scoring four birdies on the front nine holes. "I'm glad it was windy so someone wouldn't run away with it," Inkster said. "I got some early momentum, plus I birdied some tough ones today."

Webb was not too despondent, however. "I was playing too safe. Then I made the turn and birdied three in a row. I felt really good after that. One bad swing at 14 cost me a three-shot lead," she said.

**ICE HOCKEY** 

Jablonski heeds warning

KURT KLEINENDORST, the Manchester Storm coach, sent his team into the match

\* \* \* Worth buying |

against Newcastle Riverkings with a warning not to allow complacency to creep in as they pursue the Sekonda Superleague championship, their first significant honour.

He said: "All the hard work we have put in this season counts for nothing if we don't get it right over the next four weeks." That was his reaction to the loss of two of their three previous games, including the failure last week to end the hopes of Cardiff, their closest ri-

No one beard the call more clearly that the ablonski. He struck four times in the defeat of the Riverkings, Pierre Allard showed tim's mood, beating Wayne Cowley in 17sec, a Superleague record.

By A CORRESPONDENT

The Riverkings were out of the game inside another 11 min-utes. Jablonski struck Storm's hundredth league goal of the season and followed Brad Rubachuk's goal with the fourth.

The Riverkings made a big effort in the second period, but, if Storm had switched off, Frankie Pietrangelo, the goaltender, had not. He made good saves from Mike Rubachuk and Mike Shewan, kept Kevin Conway on 99 league points and denied Darren McAusiand.

The killer goal for the Riverkings was Jablonski's 26th-minute strike that completed his hat-trick. Newcastle were trying to capitalise on Rubachuk's minor penalty when Storm broke. Jabionski took the puck around Cowley's net

and cheekily found a way to the goal. There was no way back from 5-0. He then scored his fourth and Storm were so comfortable that Timo Kauhanen, the new net minder, was given his first outing in the third period.

Ivan Matulik scored a hattrick for Cardiff in Nottingham, where the Devils edged to within four points of Manchester Storm with a 7-3 win. Ayr Scottish Eagles, the de-

fending champions, were pushed all the way before achieving a 6-5 overtime win against London Knights. They went 3-0 up and were 5-2 ahead in the third period. However, Eric Flinton completed a hat-trick and Mike Harding struck to make it 5-5 right on the final buzzer. Carry Biette poached the winner

BASKETBALL

# Donewald storms into fresh trouble

By Nicholas Harling

BOR DONEWALD, the trasci ble coach of Derby Storm, who is facing his latest disciplinary hearing tomorrow — on his 29th birthday — could be in further trouble with officialdom after yet another argument with a referee on

Derby's 107-94 victory over Birmingham Bullets was tarmished by a technical offence incurred by Donewald, when he took Keith Bruce, the referee, to task over the positioning of Mike Finger, the visiting coach. Finger, according to Donewald, was not being pun-ished for constantly stepping out of bounds on to the court. Yet when Donewald tried to make a point by following Finger's example, he was penalised by Bruce.
It was for Donewald's al-

leged crude insults against by ill chance. Will Jones, the Welsh official. the wrong bus after his team's recent single- n the bus, or at point loss to the Leopards that nute. He asked Donewald faces an English ad been threat-Basketball Association discipli- 15, a W6, that nary committee this week.

The latest episode did not prevent Derby from maintaining their slim hopes of catching the Budweiser League leaders. With the help of 24 points from Yorick Williams and 20 from Joel Burns, the Storm shook off the Bullets in a 14-0 second-quarter burst, opening up a 44-25 half-time lead.

The Bullets rallied with Reg gie Kirk's entire 17-point haul coming in the third quarter. Nigel Lloyd, their top scorer with 29 points - two more than Tony Sims - was another to incur the wrath of Bruce. For abusing the official, the Bajan also received a technical of-

Like the Bullets, who are waiting for a work permit for Justin Phoenix, their new signing. Worthing Bears were also unable to select their American newcomer, Adam McCanna. The league's bottom club could have done with him against Sheffield Sharks, who proceeded to a comfortable 133-107 win on the South Coast only 24 hours after they had > beaten Edinburgh Rocks 93-86. The two victories belped the Sharks to regain their .02 ter Giants at the top.

### NETBALL

# **England** turn to Muller

MARY BEARDWOOD, the England coach, has kept faith 89 with ten of the players who steered the side to a bronze (c\*)
medal in the Commonwealth 8 Games, naming Ann Marie Muller as the only newcomer to the England squad to play Wales in Cardiff on Saturday (Cathy Harris writes). Muller, 24, and Helen Lons- R

dale, who returns to the team after recovering from a serious knee injury sustained on the 1997 South African tour, replace Fiona Murtagh, the captain, and Lucia Sdao, who re- 9

tired after Kuala Lumpur.
Joanne Zinzan, who turns 27 on Wednesday and has played a key role in Middle- 50 sex's success at the top of the championship this season, bas been named as the new 9 captain, with Olivia Murphy as vice-captain against Wales.

Murphy, Lonsdale, Amanda Newton and Naomi Siddall leave for New Zealand in late February to play for local ... tition during April and May. The move is a long-term investment by the Ali-England Netball Association to give those expected to play in the 2 world championship in 2003 the chance to improve their skills and learn from the

world's best players. Beardwood said that she \*) was delighted to welcome Lonsdale back. "She has trained very hard and is playing her part in some promising combinations in centre court," she said, adding that Muller's move this season to Essex Met, the county champions, had helped lift her game

through tougher competition. The match against Wales will give Beardwood the opportunity to watch less experienced players in action and she said that she would probably take another three weeks

before finalising the team to meet South Africa on Febru- RS

ENGLAND SOLIAD: L Stanley (North Du-ham), T Newlite (Greater Menchester), L Corpenter (Surrey), L Law (Essex Mel), A M Haulin (Essex Mel), A Newton (Essex Mel), H Lorradale (Middlesse), H Manna-tor (Middlesse), J Zinzam (Middlesse), O Murphy (Derbyshire), K Aspinali (Osthy-shre), N Siddali (Osthychre).

By Philip Howard CUNURA

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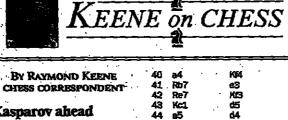
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WORD-WATCHING

UMIAK :-a. A waterproof b. An early taxi c. An Eskimo boat Answers on page 43

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Kasparov ahead

After five rounds of the elite tournament at Wijk aan Zee in Holland, Garry Kasparov, the world champion, has nosed ahead by defeating Dimitri Reinderman, of Holland. Since Anand could only draw against Ivan Sokolov. Kasparov led by half a point. White: Dimitri Reinderman

Black: Garry Kasparov Wijk aan Zee, 1999 Sicilian Defence ..සෙ Nc3

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Wijk aan Zee website The Wijk aan Zee games can be followed on chess2.lostcity.nl/hoogovens/.

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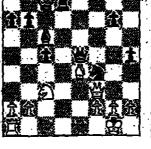
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

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# Gray steers almost perfect path amid twists and turns

woo by the weaker of the two old, skinny, a hag of bones, gone in the tooth. The loser was in his prime; as sleek and

as glossy a black maned lion as you could wish to see. He was not outlought, it was sneply that the old lion had the habit of dominance he sincerely believed that he was the top man. But also, and perhaps crucially the soung lion had the habit of submis-sion. In his heart, he deferred to the older male, to his heart,

short while ago. I but in that period when I had wanthed an encount the pride under prolonged, daily observation, the long-estab-lished dominance hierarchy remained in place. The stronger deferred to the weaker.

And that was exactly the way it was at Old Trafford yesterday, when Sky Sports brought us the moon-day clash High Noon the movie was on BBC the previous day — between Manchester United and Liverpool. The cast list was enough to ensure a com-pelling occasion and, as it hap-pened, the game was an abso-lute belter, sport at its best. Which also happens to be

television at its best. Those with memories that extend deep before the dawn of

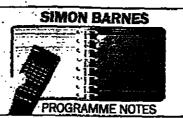
the Cup turned into the AXA-sponsored FA Cup - will recall that Liverpool won everything. It was Manchester Unit-ed who had the habit of deference. They submitted to Liver-pool. After a period of eye contact, it was always United

Lord knows. United had plenty of excellent players, but they also had a culture of deference and Liverpool made themlength and breadth of Europe. No team across the Continent was able to look into Liverpool's eyes without blinking. Roy Evans was there during the great days and was made



there yesterday, doing the studio commentary for Sky, no longer manager and looking much older than when doing the desperately worrying job of seeking to rebuild the culture of dominance.

These days, of course, it is United who extert deference. Evans talked about Liverpool attacking of Liverpool being no longer afraid - and there



was Michael Owen's thirdminute goal to prove him right. Or so it seemed. Then a wonderful Liverpool

defensive effort, with United having a shot cleared off the line, hitting a post, seeing flukey deflections scrape the sale side of a post. And Andy Gray chording that it was clearly destined to be Liverpool's day.

The best commentators

The very rare ones anticipate it. The worst anticipate wrong. There was a time when I used to collect Truemanisms: any statement by any commentator that is immediately contradicted by actual events, "Bob Willis knows he can never be a fast bowler." Four wickets in

the half-hour to big Bob. The opposite of a Truemanism is probably a Benaudism and the nearest football has for football is a much more swiftly changing and volatile game than cricket - to a purveyor of Benaudism is Gray. He correctly anticipated defen-sive problems for Liverpool with the loss of Paul Ince, but he was never quite up to speed with the United revival. But then who could have been? The late equaliser, then the stoppage-time winner from Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, who has been given the unwieldy nickname of The Baby-Faced

This fails to do complete justice, though. to his genuinely sinisjaer's face looks at the same time babyish and incongruous-ly old: a vicious, stiletto-wielding elf. He would be perfect casting for the midget murderer in Don't Look Now.

The discursive nature of the Sky commentary style means that Gray and Martin Tyler

now, right here. The wild and wacky conclusion made both look a trifle leaden-footed.

Still, Gray came up with a Benaudism when he emphasised the need for concentration over the last couple of min utes as David Beckham lined up the fateful free kick. Thirty seconds later, a goal and lapse of concentration entitled Gray to his "I told you so" as Dwight Yorke pushed the ball into the goal.

This was a great two hours of sport and Sky have a right ounch the air with delight If it had been any better, it might even have made the appalling and perpetual AXA

> the bus, or at uie. He asked d been threat-

# The driver of this train of opulence and privilege has been Juan Antonio Samaranch'

# Presiding over Olympic shame

The Great Olympic Gravy Train has hit the buffers and, not surprisingly, just three of the nine people specifically accused by the international Olympic Committee (IOC) of dishonouring the Olym-pic Movement have volunteered to

As a result, for the next six weeks, six more men of the committee are suspended though they have been named and shamed: they face expulsion on March 17 if a two-thirds majority of their colleagues dare to do it. During that time, the Olympic rings and the ethos that they represent will remain in limbo.

The driver of this train of opu-His said yesterday, in a shaky voice, that he was sorry that some of his colleagues had let down the Olympic ideal, but, although he will seek a vote of re-confidence, be takes no responsibility for presiding over the decline and fall of the body of men and a few women that

he has led into this unholy mess. Many presidents would have resigned, but Samaranch, 78, believes that the Olympic movement needs him now more than ever. It needs someone - but not a man who, literally, was granted a threecar train to transport himself and his retinue to Nagano one month before that wintery city was granted the 1998 Games.

The vice president, Dick Pound, the Montreal lawyer who was charged with heading the IOC internal inquiry, yesterday failed to assert the fall integrity that the Ol-ympics now rapidly need.

He supported the president in office and stated that the \$700,000 about £440,000) that everyone has been openly stating was spent by Salt Lake City to bribe members





for their votes was not corrupt, not bribery and not criminal. It merely broke the Olympic oath, he said, and brought the reputation of the IOC into disrepute.

them all home. Is this the image. following?

Sergio Samtander, the Chilean politician who is one of the sus-



Yet Pound had said earlier that Sandaranch received so many "protocol gifts that he would need a house the size of ten acres to take the reputation, the leadership that the IOC, with apparently susceptible members aboard, should be

The public are heartily sick of the hypocrisy, the bandying of words. Either the named individuals are the worst example of "brutally obvious corruption", as one member of Pound's commission described it, or they are being

pended six summed things up when he said: "I am certain I did



The appeal of the Olympic movement, that has been compromised by a bribery scandal, is evident in the huge crowd at the opening of the centennial Games in Atlanta

not act incorrectly at any mo-

One can see the leadership of the IOC, if it has got this wrong, in the dock for defamation of character, but, in the next six weeks, the public will be floundering, bound to listen to more hubris, such as the Salt Lake City official who de-scribed his city's largesse as a "hu-manitarian outreach programme". May the Gods of Olympus spare us such tripe.

There was a voice of reason from England. Menzies Campbell, a former Olympic sprinter and an MP expected to throw his hat into the Liberal Democratic leadership ring, has called for the entire IOC to be scrapped. He warns that the world is fearful "that the Games are for drug takers in tracksuits and bribe takers in blazers".

Does the Honourable Ming not know that the IOC is no longer calling them bribes? Better that he, a man with real feeling and experience of taking part, should con-demn the malpractice than Tony Banks, the Minister for Sport. Only on Friday. Banks described Samaranch as being "a man who is not accused of anything".

To millions who care about the Olympic ideal, who believe, despite everything, that it is an irreplaceable concept. Samaranch is guilty, at the very least, of complacently building up a committee that has become blatantly contami-

The Olympic flame is withering and has been ever since 1984, when the \$200 million profits of the Los Angeles Games began a race of competitive greed by countries, or rather cities, trying to outbid each other, legally or otherwise, to stage the Olympics.

Steve Ovett, an Olympian who should know better, suggests that competitors will not care about the

IOC ethics as they did for gold, but this is a wayward observation. Even he misconstrues the idea of the Olympics: it was revived 103 years ago by Pierre de Coubertin as a competition for "the taking

For all bar those who are favourites for medals, it remains the dream of running, swimming, cycling or whatever in the greatest Games of mankind. To them, the Olympic ideal is not idle and it is worth fighting for.

las, too many of them are sucked into the common belief that to compete at all is nigh on impossible without the substances, the drugs, that the Olympic godfathers are promising to tackle once and for

Who can go to Lausanne, the same temple where the charade took place yesterday, in the first week of February believing in the authority of Samaranch and others to conduct the world's most powerful symposium against drug

That conference, inviting the

whole body of international sports to come under the wings of Olympicism, is now virtually destroyed. Those who thought that it would be the most concerted and vital gathering that sport could aspire to before the end of this millennium have been deceived.

Sadly, there are people who will sell their souls and their involvement in the games that others play. We have seen in the court of Samaranch, and not a few other sports, how games have been sold to the mercenaries.

In world football, run for 24 years by the Brazilian João Havelange, an Olympian, too, a similar pattern has developed. Nothing as corrupting as the Olympic rings

has been proven, but Havelange. even ahead of Samaranch, put sport on to an entirely different plane through the profitable liaison, the golden triangle of sport. with television and sponsorship. They can command \$1 billion

for the television rights, approaching \$1 billion in sponsorships, for each version of the Olympics, each World Cup. And therein lies the root of corruption.

Havelange, though still a mem-ber of the IOC and still the honorary president of Fifa, the world football authority, has retired without the ignominy that surrounds Samaranch, but both of them coveted, for their selfless service to sport, the Nobel Peace Prize.

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That they did not get it becomes source of comfort to those who must pick up the baton and rerlirect sport to wholesome pursuit. And it emphasises that not everything on this earth can be bought.

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# Greyhounds' cruel fate.

From Ms Charlotte Cornwell and others: Sir. As some of your readers may not have seen the recent BBC programme about the greyhound racing industry. we feel that concerns surrounding the welfare of greyhounds deserve a wider audience.

in 1992, 0.4 per cent of offcourse betting tax on greyhound racing was made available to the British Greyhound Racing Fund, one of the three private companies that control the greater part of the greyhound racing business. Distribution of that money is primarily in the gift of track owners and bookmakers and the cash. goes largely to infrastructure

and capital projects.
Of the £45 million available to them last year, a mere £160,000 was devoted to the aftercare of greyhounds leaving

the track Every year, 10,000 greyhounds are newly registered to race and displace thousands of older greyhounds, who may have the capacity to live another ten years. Some are fortunate to be kept by their owners, but other healthy dogs are destroyed and many more cruelly abandoned, ending up in the care of animal welfare agencies or worse.

It is an indictment of those who control greyhound racing that the gentle animals who underpin their business are not better served. Not only is the pittance devoted to their aftercare a scandal, but pay-ments for races to the bulk of owners are so paltry that they could not afford to subscribe to a compulsory "pension" scheme to cover does "retir-

ing" (if one existed).

The true extent of the greyhound weltare problem is unknown. What we do know is that some animals suffer extreme hardship. The lack of information doubtless suits the industry, the bookmakers and successive Governments to date, which have pocketed more than £1 billion each year from the betting public, "no questions asked".

We call on the Government to carry out an inquiry into the welfare of greyhounds surplus to racing, which will scope the problem, produce costed proposals for the creation of independent long term welfare arrangements and ser out an implementation plan.

Yours faithfully. CHARLOTTE CORNWELL. ALEXANDRA BASTEDO. SIMON CALLOW. JEAN BOHT. JILLY COOPER, ANNETTE CROSBIE. SHIRLEY WATTS. 105 Sotheby Rd, N5 2UT

# Wilson of the Wizard stirs memories

right again and again".

Yours sincerely

Sir, John Bryant's article on Wilson of the Wizard (January 14) brought back memories of the late Ron Pickering. I remember some years ago. Ron, commentating on an athletics meeting, referring to that great Scottish sprinter. Allan Wells, who had come to the track in black vest and the then little-worn black Lycra shorts, as looking like Wilson of the Wizard - a comment lost on a young generation, but not on us Wiz-

Apart from Wilson of the Wizard's prowess on the track, let us not forget that he was the first man to climb Everest and return, without oxygen — and in his woollen leotard, of course. Yours faithfully. ERIC HAMEŘ,

13, Lant Avenue, Llandrindod Wells, LDI 5LA.

Sir. The only athlete who measured up to the great Wilson is Jos Naylor, the Wasdale Farmer, who ran 72 Lakeland peaks in under 24 hours in 1975. I helped Jos on this run and was struck by his likeness to Wilson. Yours sincerely,

Lynmara, Townhead Road, Carlisle CA5 7JF.

### One-day choices

Sir, While England's cricketers struggle to match their rivals for technique and natural ability, why do the selectors repearedly compound these problems with poor choices?

The selections of the bit-players Mark Alleyne and Vince Wells have proved to be a mockery in the Triangular series, as they have been found to be out of their depth.

lan Austin performed well in the one-day international in the summer. He even produced a man-of-the-match display. However, he must wait for the ridiculously large

time, he will not have a chance

From Mr Eric Roberts

ERIC ROBERTS.

#### From Mr Henry Pepper kash, England's second-most

HENRY PEPPER. Broad Close, Rossett Green Lane, Harrogate HG2 9LH. Barmy Army From Mr Douglas Smith squad of 30 to be cut down to 15 for the World Cup. In this Sir, The attempt by Mr Gor-

to impress the selectors. The sanctify the Barmy Army folsame goes for Mark Rampralowing the England cricketers in their sad professional trek around the world falls flat on consistent batsman in the Ashes, who has also been overthe ears of those who, like mylooked from the triangular seself, have suffered the aural exries. I doubt inclusion in the

preliminary squad of 30 will He argues that they are uphave put their minds at rest. Perhaps the selectors could lifting spirits given to charitable works when not submitlearn from their Australian ting us to repetitive, mindless counterparts, who, as lan chants. If they offered some Botham commented, "got it hours of silence in return for collecting box cash, these good causes might benefit vastly. Or perhaps they should join

forces with the Salvation Army, as the England team need their help as much as the socially downtrodden. Sincerely, **DOUGLAS SMITH** 

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#### Rugby heads should roll From Mr John Streule

Sir, We may not have the expe-

rience or expertise of Fran Cotton, but there are many who also "know and love" the game of rugby football. We must all be in despair over the ineptitude of the present English management and their apparent intentions to ruin this great game. As I write, the parncipation of England in the Five Nations Championship remains in doubt, but even these blinkered and largely anonymous men will surely back down before this calamitous state is confirmed. To those of us who simply

wish to enjoy the game and to read match reports and not polines, this present debacle can come as no surprise. After all, one did not have to be a Woodward to recognise that the international programme in the summer was ludicrous. One did not require the business acumen of a Branson to anticipate financial crisis in clubs paying six-figure salaries when average gates were in the low four figures. Nor did we require the expertise of a Saatchi to realise that, at a time when a changing game needed to be promoted, the removal of all live coverage from

#### terrestrial television was tantamount to sabotage. All these are so obvious as to suggest that our present ad-

ministrators are more interested in short-term gain than in the welfare of the game. Per-haps this is uncharitable; perhaps they are simply incompetent. Who are they? Do they show remorse or apologise for the shambles they are creating? Instead of blaming others, it is time for someone to stand up and be counted, to take responsibility and bring some sanity to the game before it is too late.

Low Swinklebank. Longsleddale, Kendal, Cumbria LA8 9BD.

Yours faithfully.

JOHN STREULE

### Sex sacrificed

From Mr Peter Walters Sir, Facing the prospect of a relegation battle. I note that to ensure survival, Ruud Gullit's Newcastle team is to sacrifice "sexy football".

Clearly, Rund has appreciated that in adversity British football's traditional tactical last stand has always appeared to have been "kicked and chaste". Yours faithfully,

PETER WALTERS. Red Trees, Halmefield Avenue Thornton Cleveleys Lancashire FY5 2QP.

# This week in THE TIMES



Tomorrow With Oxford United strug-

gling for survival off the pitch, did they manage to lift the gloom hanging over the club with victory at home to Chelsea in the FA Cup? Wednesday Lindsay Davenport, above.

the world No I, powered her way to the quarter-finals of the Australian Open without dropping a set. Did her run continue when she came up against the equally hard-hitting Venus Williams"

Thursday Who drew first blood when Wimbledon and Tottenham Hotsour met in the first lee of the Worthington Cup semi-final?

Saturday Guide to the weekend's: Premiership matches, plus columnists Danny Baker. Frank Leboruf and Robert

# Allied Dunbar Premiership: Leicester make heavy weather of maintaining title push

# Richards in no mood to rest on his laurels

By Alan Pearey

THE mood of Dean Richards, their manager, is usually a good barometer of Leicester's performance. On Saturday, his surly manner reflected the form of a team who will need to show far more ruthlessness in coming weeks to maintain their leadership of the Allied Dunbar Premiership.

Richmond, tomorrow, Harlequins and London Irish lie in wait for Leicester before their potential title decider with Northampton on March 13. Three of the four games are away. No one was arguing when Richards said: "It's not an easy run-in."

It might have been worse. After suffering for 78 minutes from painfully slow ball. Gloucester broke the gain-line for once and Terry Fanolua's thundering run put Richard Tombs over. It was the first time that the visitors had penetrated the Leicester 22 and, after Mark Mapletoft converted. there followed some anxious moments for most of the 11,394 crowd as Gloucester sought the try that would give their fly half the chance to kick his side to what would have been an improbable draw.

Such a result would have been a travesty, as Richard Hill, the Gloucester director of rugby, was quick to admit. "At 23-9 and with Leicester on our line. I thought it could be 30 or 40 points against us," he said.
"They had all the ball and it was only their errors that kept us in the game. Leicester were not that impressive and looked like a side that expected to

In a mediocre game, poor decision-making and frequent turnovers combined to deny Leicester the victory margin that their territorial supremacy warranted. They struggled forced back from their own lineout when in scoring range. Though Martin Corry again excelled at No 8, the back row missed the quicksilver Neil Back, who was absent with

Lougheed, the powerful Leicester wing, to deliver the goods. The Canadian, who had been keen to leave Welford Road when Nnambi Ezulike was holding down the No II shirt in the autumn, capitalised on Austin Healey's quick tap and then barged through rare loose tackling to prevent Gloucester gaining a half-time lead. Later, he crossed the line again, but a pile-up of bodies stopped Ashley Rowden, the referee, from seeing whether Lougheed had secured a hat-

With Joel Stransky not yet restored to full fitness, Tim Stimpson undertook goal-kick-ing duties and his fallibility he missed four out of seven attempts - enabled Gloucester to stay in touch.

Gloucester have now lost seven successive away league matches. If a new game plan, intended to stop the rot, was in operation here, it was difficult to detect in a match much fragmented by the referee's

One of the more surprising statistics of this season is that of Gloucester's 37 league tries. only four have been scored by forwards. Yet any thoughts of spinning the ball wide may have gone out the window when, in a remarkable transformation from the sides' meeting at Kingsholm last month, Gloucester discovered they had an edge in the front row.

Though likely to provide as many as ten players to the forthcoming England A squad, the feeling remains that Gloucester are a side for the future. As for Leicester, their hour has come. Will they win the title?"If I was a betting man, I'd put my money on Northampton," Richards said, a smile breaking out.

SCORIERS: Leicester: Tries: Lougheed 2 (23, 40), Stransky (61). Convention: Sumpson Penalty goals: Sumpson 2 (3, 51). Gloucester: Try: Tombs (78), Convention: Mapletoit Penalty goals: Mapletoit 3 (2, 2, 3).

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Howard, of Leicester, attempts to charge down a kick by Fanolua during his side's 23-16 success over Gloucester at Welford Road on Saturday

# O'Shea helps Irish to sustain revival

London Irish.

By MARK SOUSTER

WHEN the London Irish team broke up last summer. Conor O'Shea said au revoir to several good friends, among them David Hum-phreys, the linchpin of Ulster's unlikely assault on the European Cup. O'Shea stayed behind at Sunbury, one of the few Irishmen to survive Dick Best's cull or Ireland's call. O'Shea's importance to the Exiles, who he joined in 1995 from Lansdowne, has been as significant as that of Humhreys to Ulster.

After eight wins in nine matches, in which O'Shea has Irish stare giddily down from the virtual summit of the Allied Dunbar Premiership. O'Shea may have wondered about Best's motives, but results have proved him right. O'Shea, who scored two of

embodies the old and the new at Sunbury. The respect between captain and coach is mutual. Best says of O'Shea: "He is an outstanding man and player and a very good leader of men. He leads by example. He does inspirational things on the field. That is

why he is captain. We are very proud of him.' O'Shea is full of admiration for Best, too. He said: "You don't want a coach to be your best friend. It is no use being mollycoddled. We have a laugh and a joke, but we know there is a line you don't cross. He has instilled an unbelievably professional:

Seven early season defeats probably puts the title out of reach, but they are undeniably the form team, creating a formidable reputation along the way. Their Tetley's Bitter Cup fifth-round match against Northampton this Saturday promises to be the tie of

Best and O'Shea say nothing can be taken for granted.

quins director of rugby, be-lieves that the Exiles will stay the course. They were pretty awesome today. I can't see them losing again," he said.

Harlequins, who have enjoyed equally improved fortunes recently, were handicapped by the loss of Zinzan

Brooke and Thierry Lacroix to what looked serious injuries. Brooke limped off after ten minutes with a damaged knee, while Lacroix was carried off after being accidentally knocked unconscious by a flailing Irish knee. The Frenchman was walking by the end of the match, but will be sidelined three weeks.

Gallagher refused to make excuses, though, knowing that London Irish had lost Kevin Putt, their scrum half, to a calf strain in the prematch warm-up. Peter Rich-

For all the expectation and hype, the first half-hour produced stultifyingly dull, mechanical rugby, in which er-rors abounded and both sides cancelled each other out. Neither lineout was working well, Keith Wood kept missing his

jumpers. Brian Campsall missed at least six forward passes and a full house at the Stoop Memorial Ground raised barely a titter. The Irish contingent sprang to life when Bachop and

O'Shea combined to provide some inspiration a minute before half-time. A beautifullyweighted pass by Bachop set Burrows in space. Bishop peeled off one way. O'Shea the other and the centre found his captain, who sped to the

In the second half. O'Leary home run after intercepting a pass by Burrows, but, with London Irish asserting themselves in the scrum, the Irish did not flinch. Harlequins ploughed their way through at least ten successive phases

but got nowhere before turning over possession. Bachop counter-attacked and found O'Shea, whose clever angle took him to the line.

When Bishop rounded off a searing run by Woods, Lon-don Irish knew that they had done enough. It would be a delicious irony if the Exiles, who have to leave the inadequate facilities at Sunbury next season, pitch up at the Stoop in place of London Scottish. Now Best would really enjoy that — and stranger things have happened.

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Sneasty.
LONDON IRISH: C O'Shee: J Bishop, N
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Richards, N Halley, R Kate, K Fullmen (rep.
R Hardwide, 73), N Havey, M C Kelly, J
Boer, R Strudenck, R Gallacher.

# McGeechan expresses irritation over West approach

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West Hartlepool.

BY MARK BALDWIN

SHOULD Northampton worry about failing to show the superior class expected of Allied Dunbar Premiership leaders at Franklin's Gardens on Saturday? Or should West Hardepool, the bottom club, be congratulated for the way they fight on, despite a financial straitjacket and massive uncertainty concerning future league structures? Ian McGeechan, the North-

ampson director of rugby, was irritated by West's spoiling tactics and asked a rhetorical question about the legality of their approach after Chris White, the referee, had chosen to send just Steven Sparks, the prop. to the sin-bin for deliber-ate infringements.

"It's very difficult when you have only one side trying to play rugby," McGeechan said. "Our players got very frustrated, which is why Garry Pagel got a white card. I was disappointed with him, but overall we kept our discipline and stayed patient." However, Mike Brewer, the

West player-coach, who missed the game with an injured shoulder, felt that White "had not done any favours" to his side. Furthermore, Brewer, a former All Black, reckons that Northampton do not possess the penetration in the backs required of champions, adding: "Their back three are not too dever, either, when the ball is put behind them."

He also bemoaned his team's failure to clear their lines effectively, when leading 149 in the 72nd minute, allowing Matt Dawson the chance

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to snipe down the blind side of a maul 25 yards out and put Pat Lam in for his tenth try of the season.

Even then, West had a chance to snatch at least a precious point as they won a lineout in the left corner and saw Steven Vile held up as he tried to drive himself over off the shoulder of a rolling maul. Brewer said: "I'm proud of the way we played and we have got a team now who can be very competitive at this level.
"Will we survive? A lot may

depend on what happens at the English First-Division Rugby meeting on Tuesday. We must have a minimum of 4.000 spectators for home games, because that generates the £40,000 match income we need, but, at the moment, we are averaging only 1,500."

The tension showed as Northampton, who like to run most penalties, were urged by the bulk of the 6,023 to kick for goal whenever West infringed within range. Paul Grayson duly gave them a 9-0 interval lead, but the exil of Tim Rodber in the twentieth minute, with a sprung rib cartilage that may make him doubtful for England's opening Five Nations Championship fixture on February 20, blunted Northampton's edge up front and Pagel's indiscretion fur-

held their nerve. One more question, then, for McGeechan, who had purred in his programme notes that: "The vision I had when I first came to Northampton is now taking shape." Can Northampton he said. Like the game, unsatis-t factory, but, on a day without answers, appropriate.

SCORERS: Northampton: Try: Lam (72mm) Conversion: Graycon, Penalty gouls: Graycon 4 (12, 84, 40, 77) West Hardspook Tries: Tanghos (48), Vile (54) Conversions: Vile 2. SCORING SEQUENCE (Northampton and) 3-0, 6-0, 9-0 (na)-time), 9-7, 9-14, 16-14, 19-14

# Warren entertains hope for Bedford back down the field and lights, half of which failed in

his side's tries on Saturday.

By MICHAEL AYLWIN

DESPITE yet another debilitating defeat on the field, there was a feeling of optimism in the Bedford camp on Saturday. Frank Warren, their chairman and benefactor, was finally back, his drawn-out legal battle with

Don King now over. Warren, able to attend a Bedford game for the first time this season, visited the players in the changing-room and then entertained them in his hospitality box. After the game, the television in Warren's box was showing Grandstand and Warren watched as Steve Rider observed how Bedford had still not won a match since 'Oh, shut up!" he said at the

Richmond

London Scottish......

By Alison Kervin

IT SEEMS a lifetime ago that

Richmond and London Scot-

tish shared the rickety Rich-

mond Athletic Ground in a

state of friendly co-operation and goodwill. The teams ran

independently, but happily shared the facilities like the

best of flat-mates. It was a bit

Times have changed and,

with the transformation of

rugby, came the re-transplan-

tation of both sides. Rich-

mond were forced to move

away from London altogether

because of the local council's

refusal to accept their develop-

ment plans. That meant that

London Scottish had to find a

new home, too, and eventual-

ly settled in a less co-operative

like an episode of Friends.

screen, before handing a drink to another one of his players as was in no mood to contemplate the turbulence of the immediate past, but was just nappy to be back. There's a great spirit at this

club," he said. "The players have been fantastic throughout all the troubles and Rudi [Straeuli, the Bedford director of rugby] has been a rock. I can't thank him enough." Straeuli was equally upbeat, describing the day as positive both on and off the field. He welcomed Warren's return and promised the recruitment of new players over the next two weeks.

On the field, however, the impact of Warren's return has yet to change anything. Bedford lost the game, despite, as

so often, showing enough passion and ability to have won. The pattern in the first half was simple. Time and again,

Scottish battle on in vain

ground-share arrangement

with Harlequins and London

Richmond have fared much

better than Scottish since pro-

fessionalism arrived. Their

move to share with Reading

Football Club has given them

a fabulous new stadium that

has allowed them to double

the gate and a new locale in

which to develop a speciator

base as they strive for long-

term self-sufficiently. London

Scottish, however, have failed

to boost gates at their new

ground and will be sold at the

in the opening minute, scored

by Nick Walne, Scottish took

the reigns and prevented a

Richmond rout by defending

stoically, attacking bravely

and using the boot of Jannie

de Beer. Richmond took the

lead when Earl Va'a fed Allan

Bateman for the first of his

Geed up by a Richmond try

end of the season.

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Broncos.

Bedford worked themselves into Bath territory and persistently threatened the Bath defence, especially in the forwards, where Forster was particularly prominent - yet invariably the ball ended up in the hands of Catt. Perry or Guscott, whose subsequent kicks sent the ball spiralling



two tries. De Beer kept Scot-

tish in touch with another pen-

alty goal before Richmond be-

gan a try-scoring spectacular.

sist that the team is not affec-

ted by the shenanigans off the

field, but surely no team can

be cohesive when it has no

SCORERS: Richmond: Tries: Waine (2mm), Bateman 2 (40, 56), Cunnet (84) Vander (70), Hugen (86); Conversions: Val 4 Pm. London Scottlatt: Try: Hunter (78); Conversion: De Base Pennitry goals: De Beer 4 (10, 15, 30 Ge) Dropped goal: De Beer (33)

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idea what it's fighting for.

London Scottish officials in-

obliged Bedford to start all over again.

Bedford's only reward in the first half was a try from Murdoch, while Bath, whose defence was solid throughout, were far more precise, with a well-taken try from Balshaw after a break by Catt supplemented by a penalty try on the stroke of half-time, when Underwood's knock-on denied the visitors a two-man overlap. Suddenly, Bedford were 17-5 down at half-time

and they never recovered. Bath have high hopes for the future themselves, as they present the council with plans for a E30 million redevelopment of the Recreation Ground. This will include a futuristic East Stand that has a grass roof and sinks into the ground, only to rise to the occa-

sion on match day. Bedford, meanwhile, will be content just to fix their floodthe second half. That was unfortunate."

Straeuli said with a grin. "It's

not because we haven't paid our electricity bills!" Warren's return should ensure those kind of problems are a thing of the past. He does not have to see Don King again and, with his friends around him in his hospitality box, he can look forward to the

Butture. Hopefully, that means Bedford can do the same. SCORERS: Bedford: Tries: Murdoch (30 mm), Zatzmen (85), Ellot (89) Conversions: Caudad Batti: Tries: Balshaw (5), penalty by (40), Adebayo (80) Conversions: Call 3 Penalty goals: Call 3 (27, 58, 74) 58, 74)
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10-20, 10-23, 10-30, 17-30.
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# Legge steps up the ladder of fortune

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The appointment of John this reversal of fortunes and, with Paul Essenhigh, the former Blackheath prop. at winning has become a habit.

match with only one victory east of the Tamar this winter, but they provided Maidstone with endless problems in set pieces and could have stolen the game with the final kick: a penalty attempt that Phillip Wells pushed just right of the uprights. That he missed, though, was justice, because Maidstone were far better than the scoreline suggests.

Camborne entered this

before them this season to stand five points to the good in London League III South East, this victory, in the sixth round of the NPi Cup at The Mote on Saturday, puts them only two games from a final at Twickenham on April 17 and the embarrassment of three successive relegations - from 1994 to 1996 — is fast becoming a distant night-

Legge, as director of coaching, has had much to do with his side as player-coach, he has produced a side to whom

SCORERS: Maidstone: Penetty goals: D Charlon 2 (Bren. 25) Camborne: Try: G Nichols (13).

BY BARRY TROWBRIDGE

IF ANY confirmation were needed that Maidstone are on the way back up the national rugby ladder, this was it. Having swept aside all

to be under pressure.

# Sale's attraction brings no profit

Newcastle Falcons...... By CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

SALE are learning the hard way that a mission to entertain is rarely an effective means to an end. Invariably exciting, always good value for money, a schizophrenic nature saw the Cheshire side at their occasional best but predominant worst as they slumped to a fifth

successive league defeat. All except the most blinkered home supporters at Heywood Road on Saturday would quibble with John Mitchell's assessment that it was a "rubbish match" and Newcastle were as poor as us", but the Sale director of rugby is angry with his side's constant failure to control a game, which is at the root of their problems.

Mitchell goes jogging after matches, but even pounding the Sale streets had not worked out his frustration. He ordered the players in for Sunday training. "Is that normal?" someone asked. "Not for me," according to the New Zealander, whose team is capable of some joyous rugby, which they must rediscover against Bedford and London Scottish, two of the three sides below them in the Allied Dunbar Premiership first division.

Dawie Theron, the South Africa prop forward, is due to arrive this week. That leaves two more areas that Mitchell has identified as needing to be filled up front, although there are additional deficiencies behind the scrum. With service as slow as that by Richard Smith, Sale are always going It was perverse that Sale's

best moment arrived when Baxendell was in the sin-bin and excellent passing enabled Davidson to level the scores at 13-13. They achieved parity

swooped to collect Davidson's chip from 40 metres out, before the inevitable implosion. Newcastle, too, were generous in the possession that they turned over. Importantly, though, the champions were

better organised and more disciplined in only their third away league win. For Clive Woodward, the watching England coach, there were tries by Tony Underwood, for Newcastle, and the teenage Steve Hanley, for Sale, to mull over. The down sides were a stamping injury to Underwood, which could result in a citing once Newcastle

as fine a prospect as Hanley is. he still has much to learn.

Jonny Wilkinson is another starlet who was rushed into the England side too soon. He is maturing with every match and as impressive as his placekicking and attacking were, his defence was outstanding.

have finishing studying the video, and the impression that

For Steve Bates, the Newcastle coach, sneaking up the blind side to reclaim the title is by no means impossible. "But we're also playing some good rugby." Bates said. The players are under huge pressure. They don't know where the game's going because of the state it's in, but there's an environment at Newcastle in which they can go out and per-

which they can go out and perform."

SCORERS: Sale: Tries: Harley (40min), Davison (52), O'Curreagain (65), Conversion: Howard: Penalty goals Howard (41), Newsestle Falcons: Tries: Graham (25), Underwood (82), Veyen (83), Conversions: Wikerson 2. Penalty goals: Widerson 3 (1. 12. 70).

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ther encouraged West. Pita Tanginoa spun out of a tackle for their first try and, after dominating the remainder of the third quarter, Vile completed more good forward approach work. Yet Northampton just about

take the title? "Haven't a clue,"

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# Scrum half takes leading role in impressive victory over combative Swansea

# Saracens inspired by Bracken Cardiff fail to

BY BARNEY SPENDER

ANYONE who believes that these Anglo-Weish matches live up to their billing as and in. There were a couple of ugy incidents, notably when Dean Thomas, the replacement Swansea flanker, was sent off by Fred Howard in the 64th minute for deliberately elbowing George Chuter, the Saracens hooker, in the face but this was by no means a

Rather it was hard, fast and the lack of video viewing facilities meant that the disciplinary committee of Howard and the two team managers. Baden Evans, of Swansea, and Mike Scott, of Saracens, were unable to make a decision on the fate of Thomas. He should, however, know by Wednesday whether he will be free to face Newport in the SVALEC Cup on Saturday. wansea came into the game leading the Anglo-Welsh table, but Saracens, who won the corresponding encounter at St Helen's in October and beat Cardiff at home last week, were in third position and in no mood to save themselves exclusively for the Allied Dunbar Premiership.

In his programme notes, Nigel Wray, the Saracens owner, lent his weight to the cause for a British league and, on the field, his players backed those words with some splendid action. "I think it is blase of anyone to say we were good in parts," Francois Pienaar, the Saracens player-coach, said afrwards. "I thought we were brilliant in the second half, it was our best team performance of the season."

The spark was Kyran Bracken, whose season has been so fragmented by injury. Yesterday, captaining the side for the first time in the continuing absence of Pienaar, he shone for an hour before a wayward elbow sent him scampering to the dressing-room for stitches



Jones shows all his old poise in whipping the ball away from a Swansea scrum at Vicarage Road yesterday

son and, for the remainder of

the half, they held the upper

hand. They pegged back the

lead through a penalty try.

when the Saracens scrum col-

lapsed three times on its own

line, and Swansea went ahead

on the stroke of half-time

when Lee Davies kicked the

second of his four penalty

The second half, however,

belonged entirely to Saracens, who ran in six tries to become

the first English side to score

50 points against a Welsh

team this season. Two tries in

three minutes from Daniel

opened the way for Steve ing try after just 62sec and he remained a constant menace throughout, completely over-shadowing Robert Jones, the former Wales scrum half, who was "on permit" from Cardiff for this game.

Bracken was given the manof the match award, but he must have been hard-pushed by Rob Thirlby, who came on as a-replacement for Gavin Johnson at full back in the 64th minute. The 19-year-old from Redruth had time to kick a couple of penalty goals, convert two tries and score one of the outstanding individual tries of the season, a mazy 70-metre run.

Saracens were out of the blocks so quickly that Swansea were 12 points down after It was his sharp break that I just five minutes. After Raven-

# **ANGLO-WELSH**

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croft's opening score, Brendon Daniel, the left wing, re-trieved his own mistake by collecting a loose ball on halfway and careering down the touchline. He was tackled just short of the line, but Phil Ogilvie, the flanker, was on his shoulder to complete the score. Roused from their torpor, the and Barry Lea set things rolling and another from Bracken Swansea forwards, closely took them into a 34-21 lead. watched by Graham Henry. Swansea reduced the deficit to the Wales coach, began to just five points, but once Thopunch holes in the Saracens mas had been shown the red defence. They were rewarded card. Saracens ran riot. with a try by Matthew Robin-

SCORERS: Serscens: Tries: Raverscroft (1), Ogive (5), Daniel 2 (48, Bd), Lea (50), Brachen (53), Hül (70), Thirtby (75) Conver-sions: Johnson 3. Thirtby 2 Pernatity goats: Johnson (33), Thirtby 2 (65, 69) Swansen; Tries: Robinson (11), penalty ty (38), Vicatherity (64), Conversion: Davies, Pen-Weathersy (64), Conversion: Daves, Pen-ally goals: Daves 4 (15, 40, 52, 57) SCORING SEQUENCE (Stracers first): 7-0, 12-0, 12-5, 12-8, 15-8, 15-15, 15-18

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# convince in drab encounter

first occasion, he had Sullivan free on his left, but the full

back chose to ignore him and

turned inside and a certain try

went astray. On the second oc-

casion, admittedly under

more pressure, his pass to the wing was too high and anoth-

Sullivan's period in rugby

union has not been a happy

one. Injured in the early part of the season, he has missed

his apprenticeship and, when

he has played recently, he has

not been used often enough.
Graham Henry, the Wales coach, is finding it difficult to find players to fit the bill on

the wing. Sulfivan gave him another option, but he is now

on his way back to play league for St Helens. Sullivan

remains a member of the Wales squad, but his immedi-ate chance of playing in the in-

ternational team is now remote. Indeed, Henry is more likely to pick Allan Bateman on the wing, leaving Mark

If Morgan had an off-day.

number, had a marvellous af-

ternoon. It was his brilliant

run from his own half, selling an exquisite dummy to Mor-

gan while being chased by Tait, that gave his team the half-time lead, against a penal-

Taylor at centre.

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BY GERALD DAVIES

been a game this season when the crowd so wished the enterprise to come to an end. There were ironic cheers when the fi-Anglo-Welsh club match was not a good game - even allowing for a constant drizzle and a sticky pitch.

The referee presented some problems to Weedon, the Wasps captain, with whom seemed to be in regular conversation. With a penalty count going against Wasps by 19-8, he may have had good cause. However, even if the Wasps felt hard done by, they were guilty of staying too close to the offside line.

With Cardiff enjoying more of the possession, they should have achieved more. They were prone to errors, of skill and of judgment. They kicked too often and too badly; their passing was too often array. They also found it difficult to

release spare men in midfield. When they did. Craig Morgan twice fluffed his lines. In the second half, he had his moments to run clear. On the



Sullivan: unhappy time

# Melville assumes control at Wasps

sume responsibility for first-team coaching at Wasps after the surprise decision to demote Rob Smith, who now takes charge of the academy and youth squads. Melville, the director of rugby, said: "We are changing the

Smith has been part of the Wasps furniture for 25 years, first as a player. then, for the past 14 years, as coach. "I will miss not coaching and selecting the first team," Smith, who has also worked with England A, said. "The bottom line for me has always been the

continuing success of this

A series of meetings that should go some way to shaping the future structure of the game are scheduled this week; the most important is that of English First-Division Rugby. which is expected to decide tomorrow on its preferred options. Whatever scenario it settles on, it is likely to an-tagonise clubs lower down the leagues. Yesterday, the National Clubs' Association, which represents 42 clubs in the Jewson National League, condemned plans for an Anglo-Welsh'

Another Jarvis penalty nar-rowed the deficit and then, afleague. Meeting in Walsall, they ter throwing away many other chances, Cardiff took the pledged to call a special general meeting of the Rugby Football Union, lead with a try by Leigh Davies 17 minutes into the second half. From then on, the game amid concerns that their became a slapdash affair. collective future and that of other junior clubs is being sacrificed at the expense of the top clubs in the Allied

Dunbar Premiership. Russ Jenkins, the chair-3-7 (nell-time), 6-7, 11-7, 11-10, 14-10.
CARDIFF: C Morgan, L Botham, M Hall, L Davies, A Sullivan, L Jarvis, R Howley, A Lowis (rep. S John, 70mm), J Humphreys, Gep. D Gezaphy, 70, D Young frep L Mustice, 40), S Moore, J Tall, O Williams, S Williams, G Kacala.
WASPS: J Lawsey, S Roiser, N Greenstock, F Waters, P Sampson (rep.: J Ultion, 46: rep. M Denney, 69); G Rees, M Wood, D Molloy, D Alexopolous (rep.: D Macer, 60), W Green, M Weedon, S Shew, J Worsley, P Youley, P Schwere. man of Manchester, said: "The feeling is unanimous that we will not accept an Anglo-Welsh league. It makes no sense to me. Why should money go to Welsh clubs at the expense of

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CHANGING TIMES

# Istabraq gives command performance

FROM CHRIS MCGRATH AT LEOPARDSTOWN

IT DOES not pay to be too credulous in racing, but there are times when one is better off accepting an air of greatness at face value. Nobody ever suggested that istabraq was a counterfeit champion. but at Leopardstown yesterday he revealed a watermark of breathtaking clarity against the most brilliant light availa-

He did not just beat French Holly, a different calibre of horse from most of those he had brushed aside in establishing his dominion. He humiliat-

#### BIG-RACE DETAILS

(Grade 1, 2m. 237,250)

I, ISTABRAQ (C.F. Swan, B-15 fav), 2, French Holly IA Magure, B-4) 3, Zaferabed (R. Johnson, 16-1); 4, Theatreworld (F. Tresoy, 16-1); ALSO RAN; 18 formatic ISh), 65 Black Queen (8th); 6 Ren. NR: Sharitann II. 73, Dist. A P. O'Brien at Pillown, Co. Kilkarny, Tote £150, £130, £130 OF, £170 CSF, £201

istabraq won the AIG Europe Champion Hurdle with such exaggerated leisure, with such mockery, that the defence of his Smurfit Champion Hurdle crown at Cheltenham now appears a mere lap of honour. The Tote quotes him at 13-8 on, Ladbrokes just 2-1 on.

Coral even sought to resur-rect the market by offering 6-4 against him winning by more than six lengths. Aidan O'Brien, his trainer, made that sound eminently reasonable with a breezy assurance that he would be sending an even better horse to Cheltenham. The way he was talking, in fact, it was surprising that Istabraq had not collapsed with exhaustion after a circuit of the

"He was a good bit off to-day," O'Brien said. "He was 15 kilos heavier than last year. When we weighed him last night, we weren't sure we were doing the right thing running. but he had to have a race. He improved so much for this day last year that I'd say he's going



Istabraq, left, leaves French Holly in his wake as he clears the last on his way to an impressive victory at Leopardstown yesterday

ham. Seven pounds? It could be a lot more than that." Ferdy Murphy, the trainer of French Holly, absorbed the shocking manner of his defeat with dignity, but it must have hurt to see the colossal gelding stretch for home to no discerni-

ble effect. Adrian Maguire

own running, an enterprise at

least rewarded by its liberating effect on French Holly's ping, which — bar the third last - was more fluid than has often been the case.

The big horse had been so remorseless in similar ground at Kempton over Christmas that Charlie Swan made sure he kept Istabraq at the head of the chasing pack, but he did

not share their increasing alarm as Maguire tried to open up lurning into the straight

Instead, he took the first of several satirical looks over the shoulder as Istabraq sauntered unsides and went a length up after the last. Swan was so determined to rub Maguire's nose into the

ground that he deceived the crowd into wondering if French Holly's brave rally might yet punish his mischief. It took but one perfunctory push, however, to preserve a length's advantage at the line, which Swan crossed exploding with mirth and denching an exultant fist.

"it's good for the horse,

Charlie said he did everything very quickly." travelled super and was bril-

Swan confirmed later: "He

gives him confidence," O'Br-

ien said. He's getting more confident, and he's getting

outcker. We've thought all

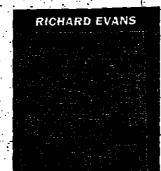
year that he was a much im-

proved horse, much stronger.

again two out I didn't gven have to ask him to close." Murphy fears that the race is now for place money only. "Istabraq is a brilliant charnpion," he said. "My lad jumped great apart from the third last, and I'd like to see what would happen if we could sit behind with him instead. But

the writing was on the wall a long way out." Istabrao bears the green standard at the Pestival, clearly, but he will have formidable support - even if, on the face of it. His Song did not surike precisely the right note in the Baileys Arkle Perpenual Tro-

He cruised into the lead but



then had to be driven so firmly to hold off Padre Mio that Shay Barry was banned for four days. Mouse Morris, however, was adamant that His Song had run an ideal Guinness Arkie Trophy trial.

"That was perfect," the trainer said. "Obviously, it's disappointing he didn't win by further, but they went no gallop in this tacky ground. He needs a really good gallop and be might have been a little bit short as well." The trainer added: "I liked the way he balt-

After racing, Florida Pearl, Ireland's big hope for the Tote Gold Cup, returned to the scene of his fall in the Ericsson Chase — and of his next ap-pearance in the Hennessy Gold Cup on Sunday week for a round of careful schooling. They think he has the here. He need not seek far for

# **Nicholls** prepares **Festival** agenda

BY OUR RACING STAFF

CALL EQUINAME, the game winner of the rescheduled Victor Chandler Chase at Kempton Park on Saturday, will go straight to Chellenham for the Queen Mather Champion Chase. The sa leg of a treble for trainer Faid Nicholls and jockey Robert Thornton, Call Equipame got up on the run-in to beat the favourite, Get Real, by a neck in the two-mile event.

"It was only the horse's fourth run over fences," Nicholls said. "He jumped well apart from getting in a bit close to the last. He will have an easy formight, then we'll pick him up and go straight to Cheltenbarn We come and the heltenham. We can get him fit at home and he seems to go well fresh." Call Equiname 3-1 with William Hill for the

Champion Chase.
Flagship Uberalles began the treble with a stylish performance in the Twickenham Novices' Chase, and may be on course for the Cheltenham Festival. "He could go to the Arkle Challenge Trophy big is haven't discussed it with the owners yet." Nicholls added "He's only five and he would prefer better ground than yesterday's. But it was an improved performance and run next at either Warvel Ascot on February 20."

Storm Damage completed the three-timer in the Fulwell Handican Chase, but it was not all plain sailing for the yard as Calling Wild inished ı well-beaten sixth to General Wolfe when sent off 7-2 tayour ite for the Peter Marsh Chase at Haydock Park.

Calling Wild had won the valuable Paddy Power Hand cap Chase at Leonardsto on his previous start and Micholks said: "He never put a foot wrong round Leopardstown but didn't like those big. upright fences at Haydock! At least it told us there is no point going for the Gold Cup or Naional with him and his Festival target will be the National Hunt Handicap Chase."

down Forest in Kent, owns.

ture, who will be aimed at the

Marlborough Cup timber race in May. On the first day of the

season, Native Venture had

been beaten a distance at Cor-

# WEITERDY

1.15 Flower O'Cannie 1.45 Tom Silk 2.15 Master Pilgrim

2.45 Naughty Future 3.15 SALEEL (nap) 3.45 Raivue

going: Soft (Heavy in Places)

1.15 PINDER DALE JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-0: £2,250: 2m) (7 runners)

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1.45 SKIPLAM NOVICES CHASE (£3,581: 2m) (5 runners) 

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2.15 POCKLEY NH NOVICES HURDLE (£3,038: 2m 4f 110yd) (11 runners)

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#### 2.45 CARLTON HANDICAP CHASE (£5,477: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

NAUGHTY FUTURE showed his liking for a testing surface latest and remains well treated

3.15 RICCAL DALE HANDICAP HURBLE (£2,786: 3m 1f) (7 runners)

Long bandicap: Double Sittle 9-12.

SETTING: 5-2 Young Threster, 3-1 Tim Butterwick Kid, 7-2 Biddale, 11-2 For Catral, 8-1 Salest, 12-1 Wonkowsalo but, 16-1 Double Strika

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SALEEL'S only reverse this season came at the hands of Saturday's useful Kengton words, Kingsman

3.45 BEADLAM SPRINGS NOVICES HURDLE (£2,390: 2m) (9 runners)

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# Cyfor Malta to return on Saturday

CYFOR MALTA, winner of the Murphy's Gold Cup at Cheltenham in November on his only start this season, is to return to the course on Saturday for either the Pillar Chase or the Ladbroke Handicap Chase.

Martin Pipe, his trainer, said: "Cyfor Malta

is fine and he will be entered in the two Chelten-

ham races. If I knew which one he would run in I would not have made entries in both races for him."

Deano's Beeno, impressive winner of Satur-day's Premier Long Distance Hurdle at Haydock, is likely to now go straight to Cheltenham for the Stayers' Hurdle.

#### SATURDAY'S RESULTS

Haydock Park

52.18 (2m 4f ch) 1, Fourth in Line (N William-son, 10-11 fav), 2, Scrahen Cross (18-1); 3, Gallant Tarly (10-1) 5 ran. 4, dist. Miss V Williams, Tote, 51.90, 51.30, 53.50, DF. 58.50 CSF, 511.90.

1.45 (2n 71 hdle) 1, Desno's Beeno (J Os-borne, 4-11 lav), 2, Moorish (4-1), 3, Phara-near (25-1), 5 ran. 22, 91, M Pipe. Tota: £1 30; £1 20, £1.70, DF: £2.20, CSF: £2.31, Test (25-1): 5 rath. 22, 92, 10 Ppp. 108: 130; 11 20; 12 1

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Kempton Park 4 rgn. NR: Rockdords. 1.00 1, 10ngsanark (8-11 law); 2, Gentle R-vage (5-1), 3, Graycous Soy (33-1), 8 rgn. 1.30 1, Marthorough (11-10 law), 2; Spring Double (8-1), 3, Act Of Feith (8-1), 8 rgn. 2.05 1, Tanashall (11-2); 2, Pealings (8-1); 3, Suizwess (11-1). World Express 9-4 law, 10 rgn.

13.0 1, Timbolium (15-8 fav); 2, Missier Plin (16-1), 3, Separtus (4-1), 8 ran, NR Frog-march. march.
3.40 1; Storius Dienage (7-2), 2, The Land Agent (11-4 tay), 3, Darles Caueller (5-1), 7 ran ARt. Rying Instructor.
4.15 1, The Extra Man (16-1); 2, With About You (4-1), 3, Pertemps Cindrella (20-1). Montpelier 5-2 lay, 12 ran, NR. Royal Tins.

Catterick 12.50 î, Just Lizzle (11-1), 2, Oorans Way (7-1); 3, Monia (7-1) Kingari 5-1 tav. 15 ran. 1.20 1, Condictown Count (7-1); 2, Joe Staw (7-1), 3, Balleswinddon (5-2 tav), 10 ran.
1.50 1, Be Brane (8-1), 2, Court Joker (12-1); 3, Jack Flush (8-1), Parisife 5-2 tex.
11 ran, NR: Forture Hopper.
2.20 1, Samburgh Boy (1-2 text, 2, Banker Court (15-8) 3. Brane Man (50-1) 4 ran.
NR: Seitad Ministrel.
2.50 1, Withat A Talle (11-4); 2, Native Buck.
13-8 lay); 3, Fami (2-1) 9 ran. NR: Elearon,
Im The Man.
3.25 1, Touris River (5-2); 2, Santa Jet (15-8 tox); 3, Kibby Bank (9-2); 9 ran.
3.55 1, Ireland's Sye (33-1); 2, Regal Is-

3.55 1, Ireland's Eye (33-1); 2, Regal is land (20-1); 3, Steeters Dreem (25-1). Super Nomed 7-2 fav. 17 ran

Lingfield Park 1.25 1, Half Tone (7-4 kay; 2, Denoing Jack (9-1), 3, Dande Times (9-1), 10 ran. 2.00 1, Three Say Trees (7-1); 2, Iosnic. (6-1); 3, Branda Dee (3-1 kay), 12 ran. 2.30 1, January Sterine (8-11 fey), 2, Ki Chi Saga (12-1); 3, Eriton (8-11 fey), 2, Ki Chi Saga (12-1); 3, Eriton (8-1) 8 ran. 3.05 1, Acid Teat (9-4); 2, Buntone (9-1), 3, Noble Water (33-1) Pageboy 2-1 fey, 7 ran. 3.35 ), Lincoln Deen (10-1); 2, Love Diamonds (1-2 ke); 3, Melody Queen (5-1), 6 cm. 4.05 1, Isabalia Gonzaga (3-1); 2, Siesee Sek (evens tay); 3, Night Auction (11-1) 8 cm. 2.00 CHAMPAGNE GOLD FILLIES HANDICAP

7,00 1, Love Blues (10-11 lar); 2, Scarlet Scenes (11-8); 3, Diamond Blush (40-1), 7 ran 7,30 1, Bold Fronder (11-2), 2, Price of Bru-ton (2-1 lay); 3, Liste for (20-1), 11 ran, 8,00 1, Sudest (5-4 lay); 2, Stero Heights, (5-1), 3, Lysandros (8-1), 7 ran, 8,50 1, Theistynadi (5-2), 2, Physics (9-4 las); 3, Killemby, Juzz (15-2), 5 ran, MR Hay-or Golf Gorp, 9,00 1, Raym, (100-30 lay); 2, Wishout Friends (8-1); 3, Amington Gri (20-1), 12 ran, 9,20 1, Wigh Moon (4-1), 2, Areish (8-1); 3, Prospector's Cove (5-1), 9 ran,

Wolverhampton

# Lord Relic left behind

POINT-TO-POINT BY CARL EVANS

LORD RELICIS class was not enough to carry him to victory in desperately tiring ground at the Point-to-point Owners and Riders Club meeting yes-

terday. Stan Clarke's 13-year-old finished third behind Better Future and Carykinov in the men's open, beaten three lengths and 25 lengths. Better Future (7-i), ridden by Tim Stevenson, has won over four miles and that stamina proves the vital factor after the first two drew well clear. Lord Relic

remains on course for Aintree's Fox Hunters' Chase. Andrew Dalton, the jointmen's champion, rode his first winner of the season when Mickthecutaway was the only finisher in the ten-runner intermediate and Mizyan (Polly gating champion mare Libe Gundry) landed the ladies. The Lark back to third.

open for the Richard Barbers ... Emma Coveney, from Ala powerful stable. Tim Mitchell, favourite to trains and rides Native Venwin the national men's chant-

pionship for the first time, got off the mark for the season at Saturday's Silverton meeting on the Ollie Cann-trained Spread The Word (4-7).
Polly Curling and Ashley
Farrant landed doubles, Curling scoring on Play Poker (4-5)

while Farrant teamed up with trainer David Pipe for Shafi (7-2) and Well Armed (7-4). Punters were on the receiving end at the Cambridge shire meeting, most emphatically when Native Venture (20-1) wan the ladies open, ending Cache Fleur's unbeaten run between the flags and rele

tenham by The Auctioneer, but the grey had devalued the form when succumbing to Real Value (6-4) in the PPORA and Camillas Legacy (4-5), members race. Real Value, also a Cottenham winner, provided another success for trainer Di Grissell and rider Paul Hacking, their third from four runners in 1999.

Caroline Bailey, trainer of The Auctioneer and whee horses have been in tremandous form, saddled Copper Thistle (6-1) to win the men's open under owner Richard Hunnisett

THUNDERER 1.00 Lucky Touch. 1.30 Risky Way. 2.00 The Wild Wildow. 2.30 Dahlidya. 3.00 Elton Ledger. 3.30

GOING: STANDARD TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE 1.00 JADE JEWEL MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN

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104 (7) 200 Y STEETDHENG 48.4 A MONE 6-9-2 V Brains
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509 (2) 8-4 MOST RESPECTIU. 7 (CD.) R Williams 6-9-7 R Cochres 83

510 (2) 8-2 NO AMBROSTY (10) (B.). G W Kemp 6-9-7 R Cochres 85

511 (2) 45-0 RESMYNOLIEE 16 K Rum 8-9-7 R Cochres 85

512 (7) - 600 WELD CITY 7 (P.) R Morrier 5-9-7 R McC. Supplier 43

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BOXING GRUNDY PARK LC, Cheehunt Professional show: Cruinewangle (Grace): Fish-naryed (Filtury) by Shiller (Duncasser) re-cht. Middleweight (Brace): J. Medineva (Hackney) bt M. Dauson (Buton-on-Trent) rs. 1st. Unit-middleweight (Brace): G Rich-pets (Bratingham) bt S Festion (Formal Hill) pts. Lightweight (Grace), S Murray (Harlow) of M. Sprin (Swansea) rsc 1st.

CRESTA RUN COPPA D'ITALIA: 1, A Guggari (t) 2min 27 78ac; 2, A Barcley (SB) 229.35, 3, C Teatorph (Gen) 230.90; 4, U Burgerstein Swiezy 231.55; 5, Court L Marquer (US) 231.60; 6, F Burland (Swiez) 231.92.

Track and field

KARLSRIAHE, Germanye (addor meeting, Winnerst Mort Solze 1, M Blurne (Ger). 6,54sec, 2, i. Christie (GB) 6,57, 200m; 1, C Chevelle (Fr) 21,22, 2, D Carabbel (GB) 21,23,800m; B Korahyi (Hun) Imin 47,20sec, 1,500m; B Korahyi (Hun) Imin 47,20sec, 1,500m; B Robinstelsse (Elb) 7,28,00 60m hardies: C Jeckson (GB) 7,47, High lump: S Nyugin (Russ) 2,23m; Pole wasti: 7 Lobings (Ger) 5,73m. Triple lump: C Fredsk (Gar) 16 96m. Wittener: 60m; P Peridaress (Gar) 16 96m. Wittener: 60m; P Peridaress (Gar) 112,000m; G Rochmeer: Ger) 23,09 800m; I Lichnisks (Lkr) 203,53,1,500m; V Szelyki (Rom) 4,04,38,60m hardies: N Humber (Ger) 4,38m. Long jump: E Barber (Fr) 6,653m

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BELFAST: NAF Cocs Cots interessional meeting: Ninn (Sen): 1. H Ramasia (RA) 25min Saic; 2. L Crage (Ken) 25.07. 3. C. Jongesson (Den) 25.07. 4. J Chesius (Ken) 25.20; 5. D Dormety (Re/Annedale Striders) 25.21; 6. A Chrimuckott (Zm) 25.21; 7. D Heart (BB/Blackfreath) 25.27. 8. L Besson (Ag) 25.29, 9. K Messe (Holl) 25.29; 10. S Mousson (Ag) 25.30. 11. G Tromans (RB/Blackfreath) 25.37. 16. B Royden (Medney) 25.30. 17. Transm (RB/Blackfreath) 25.37. 18. B Royden (Medney) 25.39. 20. C Robison (Shelleston) 25.00. 21, N Caddy (New gray) 26.07 Teams: 7. Kenya 21pts; 2. Gradelin (ABirn): 1. A Wayerman (Switz) 17min ster. 2. P Radoline (GB/Baddon) 17.16. 3. C der Beuck (SA) 17.35; 4. C Das (Born) 17.21.5. A Smolders (Be) 17.46. 6. S Chepitry 15.55 Other Bertisch (Be) 17.46. 6. S Chepitry 15.55 Other Bertisch plactings: 9. L WHM Leads City, 17.58; 10. A Waserlow (Sais) 17.55; 7. Transme: 1. England 45pts; 2. Scriters Ball, 17. Transme: 1. England 45pts; 2. Scriters Ball, 1. A Waserlow (Sais) 17.37; 1. Nacy 18. 4. A Waserlow (Sais) 17.38; 11. A Waserlow (Sais) 17.38; 13. I leaded 51. 4. Matterium In-

Wright Leeds Chyl 17-55; 10, A Waterlow Stafe) 17-59; 17, VM-Chreston (Chyl of Gleagow) 18-107. Teamer: 1, England 45pts; 2, Sociard 59; 3, ledand 51; 4, Northern resions: 6. Veterans: (4 Start); 1, M. Shiekts Richt Bellast) 17-51; 2, N. Cahoon (Alberthile) 18-02; 3, PM-phyl (North Bellast) 18-03; 17-51; 2, N. Cahoon (Alberthile) 18-02; 3, PM-phyl (North Bellast) 18-05; 18-06; 0-18-06; 18-06

ELGOBAR, Spain: International events
Mr 130 6(m): 1, P Tergal (Ken) 25:13; 2, J
Brown (GB) 29:23; 3, B Gachara (Ken)
29:31; 4, T Cunado (Sp) 25:52; 5, B Alo
(Tan) 29:54, Women: (5:20m): 1, G Gebrgiorga (Eth) (7:34; 2, L Larraga (Sp) 17:37;
3, M Okayo (Ken) 17:49; 4, R Rbs (Sp)
17:58; 5, A-M Pardo (Sp) 18:23

**ATHLETICS** 

#ONAPP CLIP: 1, Lord Wrotesley (GB) 20in 33-10sec; 2, J. Sunley (GB) 234-16, 3, Count I. Marenzi (US) 235-44, 4, G. Passhi, [Switz] - 23-256; 5, P. Deshen (Switz) 2-89,78, 6, R. Kuhn (Switz) 2-40-88. CRICKET

Triangular Series Australia v Sri Lanka

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FALL OF WICKETS 1-28, 2-27, 3-30, 4-40, 5-40, 5-53, 7-143, 9-143, 9-177. BOWLING. McGreth - 10-0-40-5, Date 10-2-81-1; Julian 5-0-37-0; Warne 9-0-53-0; Lee 5-0-20-2; Blewett 1.4-0-8-2

Parry (Swansea, guest) 19-52; 2. W Holden (Lawes) 21-13, 3, E. Sattarley (Phoena) 22-02. Teames: 1, Arrina 80 23-06; 2, Helf-sham 80; 3, Brighton and Hove 81.
RICHMOND PARIC Inter-chab; 6 miles: 1, 8. Jackman (Mestopolitan Police) 44min 58sec; 2, A Goold (Benix of England) 45-12, 3, 1. Jobson (Benix of England) 45-22. Teames: 1, Benix of England 20-15; 2, Mestopolitan Police 23.
RMISSUP WOODS: Inter-Chab 5.5 miles: 1, J. Letmox (Ealing, Southerl and Middle-sec) 33mm 46-sec, 2, P. Martin (Hillingdon) 34-00; 3, W Gristwood (Ealing, Southerl and Middle-sex 65-05; 2, Hillingdon 71; 3, London Irish 83, 4, Harnow 109.
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WEST WICKHAM: Inter-club 7.5 milles: 1, R Smith (Blackheath) 48min 15sec. 2, G. Cathord (Blackheath) 48min 15sec. 2, G. Clackheath) 48.04; 4, D McDonato (Pane-lach) 48.05; 5, A Bickerstaff (Ranelagh) 48.28; 8, D Benton (Ranelagh) 49.33. Wom-err, A Cilia (Blackheath) 1070:3 Teamse. 1, Blackheath 199ots; 2, Panelagh 320.

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SUNDERLAND: Sherman Cup (5.8 mass): 1, M Brown (Morpeth) 30mn 38eac.
2, R Hand (Durbarn Chy) 30:37; 3, P Field Sundestand) 31:00 Teams: 1, Sundestand 13pts; 2, Morpeth 15; 3, Walksend 58 Veteraar: 1 Haggen (Sunderland) 32:00. Trophyresult: 1, Morpeth 35pts; 2, Sunderland 119: 3, Gosfoth 173.
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WIMBLEDON COMMON: Inter-cits 7.5 miles: 1, S Major (South London Harriers) 41min 24sec, 2, L Metthews (Tharnes Harre and Hounds) 4256; 3, A Wir (Tharnes Hare and Hounds) 4256; 1, Veterain sover-50: K Space (Tharnes Hare and Hounds) 50:36. Wossee: 1, H Chung (Tharnes Hare and Hounds) 50:36. Westers of Tharnes Hare and Hounds) 50:52. Teetas: 1, Tharnes Hare and Hounds; 30:52. Thar

ahips (4 8 miles): 1, G Jernord (Fleme Fill)
26min 25sec; 2, K Jernanys (Flemules Wimbladon) 26:48, 3, S Snaythe (Dutwich Runners) 26:54, Over-Ste; 1, G Luck (Flemules Wimbledon) 25:07; 2, S Littlewood (Flemules Wimbledon) 25:07; 3, 4 Mantay (Dutwich Runners) 25:44, Over-Ste; 1, C Dictimson (Belgrave) 27:25; 2; 1, O'Hare (Bernet) 25:12; 3, D Millichell (Epsom and Ewel) 28:27, Over-Ste; 1, R Gathern (Mindson, Stough and Eben) 22:15; 2, A Sumer (Flemules Wimbledon) 31:36; 3, F Kimber (Bernet) 32:11 Over-Ste; 1, T Benth (Bon Manor) 31:29; 2, M Hower (Vetterns AC) 31:41; 3, T Baltes (Reigate Priory) 33:45 Over-Ste; 1, R Higgs (Bernet) 30:44; 2, R PlicatinKnovies (Sever-seets) 52:49; 3, O Holden (Cambridge Hamlers) 36:47; Over-Tte; 1, S Charlton (Funa IVH) 83:59; 2, D Adis (Dutwich Runners) 36:18:359; 2, D Adis (Dutwich Runners) 36:18; 2, M Johnston (West 4 Hamers) 31:48; 3, H Imeson (Redoorth) 22:48; Over-Ste; P Rich (Seperatine) 33:20.
Over-Ste; E Manselia (Vetterans AC) 33:20.
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Total (9 wide, 50 overs). FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-5, 3-46, 4-272, 5-273, 5-273, 7-276, 8-288, 9-290. BOWLNG: Policit. 10-2-35-6 Kalls 5-0-51-0; Williams B-0-55-0, Kusener 10-1-41-1; Boje 8-0-45-0; Rindel 3-0-28-0, Cronje 5-0-37-0 SOUTH AFRICA

G. Kirsten et Wallace b. King...
M. J. R. Rindel c. McCarral, D. Archrose D. J. Chillinger e-Archunton b. King...
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J. H. Pillocks e. McCarrell b. King...
W. J. Corpe b. Hooper...
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I. M. V. Boucher e. Ambrose b. Archunton.
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BOWLING Ambrose 6-1-21-1: King 10-2-40-3; McLean 7-5-0-62-0, Hooper 10-0-50-2; McCarnel 10-0-50-0; Arthuran 3-0-21-1 Umpires: R E Koenzen and D F Becker Tour matches Mashonaland v England A HARARE (won loss). England A beel Masho-naland by 73 runs ENGLAND A

BOWLING. Siva 7-1-21-0; Lintoti 4-1-18-0; Ranchod 8-2-22-0; Hendry 3-0-4-0; Topia 2-1-1-0 FALL OF WICKETS: 1-9, 2-74, 3-101, 4-109, 5-117, 8-118, 7-143, 8-153, 9-158.

Patenty, Materials 6-0-27-0, Patenty, 51-34-2, Event 4-0-25-0, G W Plotes 7-2-13-0, Strang 8-0-27-3, Campbel 10-2-19-3, Goodlen 3-0-9-1 SHEFFIELD SHEELD: Brisba MASHONALAND W Flower b Bets ...... B Wisherl Bow b Lewy. .. C B Wisharl low b Lewry.

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FOR THE RECORD

CYCLING BOWLING Levery 8-9-20-2, Bests 8-2-17-1; Harmson 7-0-13-2, Maddy 3-0-18-0, Swann 7-1-1-11-2; Cosker 3-0-4-1.

**Anckland Emerging** Players v England Under-19 AUCKLAND (liss) day of three). Englerd, with all first-invarige wickets in hand, are 143 runs behind Auckland Emerging Players AUCKLAND: Pirst Imings

J Pawley Box b Tucker.
S Lynch C Carbony b Heywood
R King c Heywood b Bridge.
R Young box b Bridge.
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Edize Inb 2) FALL OF WICKETS: 1-8, 2-42, 3-69, 4-90, 5-164, 6-161, 7-160, 8-198, 9-206

BOWLING: Bulbeck 11-3-36-0: Logan 13-2-4-22-2 Tuches 10-1-37-1; Haywood 11-3-35-1; Dawson 14-5-43-2, Bridge 14-3-38-4.

BAGLAND UNDER-19: First Innings 

TOUR MATCH: Gwaller (second day of three), Palultians 334-6 dec and 107-5 (in-camum-ul-Heg 60 not out); India A 276 (J Martin 72; Washin Awam 5-55) SHEFFIELD SHEELD: Brisbane (second day of load) Dusensland 34 (bit Lave 70, M Pascoe 82, G I Froly 59, B Swam 4-62; South Australia 214-5 (I) Discloss 72, D A Fragrend 68, Sydney (final day of load) Tasmania 143-3 dac (D F Hills 66 not out; New South Wales SS-1 Match abandonod as a draw Standinger 1, West Australia 7, 20pts, 2, Victora 7, 18, 2 South Australia 7, 10, 6, New South Wales S-7, 6

ROAD RACING: Adeleide, Australia; Tour Down Under: Fikh stage (162m); 1 S O'Grady (Aus) 3hr Shron Sakes; 20; C Andersen (Den); 3. J-M Riverty (NDD), 4 N Ro. Lursen (Den); 5. M Mon (Illia) all at Same brie British: 73; C Sturgess; 35; 14, 75; R Hammond asme time Final stage (120km); 1, C Miles (NZ) 2hr 40mm 2566;; 2. G Grady; 3 E Zabal (Soc); 4. M Backaten; (Swe); 5 Hammond (SB) all at same time. Restleed; 96; Sturgess; Luading, fresh overall positions; 1, O'Grady 18hr 3mm 47sec;; 2. J Study (Den); at 21sec; 3. Becksleen; 36; 4, D Smith (Aus); 103; 5. Anderson 2: 10 Twickgerham; 104; 12mm 8sec; 2. P Swester-ham (Twockenham); 1 Pri 2mm 8sec; 2. P Swester-ham (Twockenham); 210; 2. Halpern 241; 3. A Leach (Teem Sport); 222 CYCLO-CROSS; Notits and Derby Leegue (H miles); 1. J Smodden (Ace) Stimn 19sec; 2, G Herdwicho (Beauvale) at 18sec; 3. D Swester (BCW); 50

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MAPLES, Floridor LPGA Memoritatic Lead-ers after three rounds (United States un-less stared) 28, 1 Inistie 65, 73, 65; N Webb (Aug. 63, 69 72 209; H Adredsson Swe) 69, 62, 69 K Robburs 69, 68, 66 F Herrson 69, 67, 69 208; L Naumann (Swe) 65, 70, 71 207; L Kane (Carl 62, 72, 67 M 53 67, 77 207; L Daves (CB) 57, 73, 69, H Dobson (GB) 58, 73, 57, 7 Nerrson 68, 73, 57 Offer seconds 209; J Moode (GB)

69. H Dobson (GB) 58. 73, 67. Y Nerson 63, 73. 67. Other sources: 209. J Moode (SB) 68. 70. 71. 212: Se-H Pat. (S Kost 70. 72. 70. 216: C Marthew (GB: 69. 70. 77. K Marshell (GB) 72. 17. 72. 218: S Smutanck, (GB) 71. 74, 73. 220: S Love (GB) 70. 75, 75. 222: A Nucholz. (GB) 74. 70. 78, S Gustalton (Swe) 65, 79, 77. 220: M Mchay (GB) 71, 73, 81 ICE HOCKEY SEXONDA SUPERILEAGUE: Seturday: Notingham Parithers 3 Cardill Devils 7 Lor don Knotas 5 Ayr Scattish Edgles 6 (On Yestenday: Mandrester Storm 6 Newcastle

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SCHOOLS SPORT ATHLETICS: Bishop Auckland: Durhs.-cross-country chasspicossiper: Botyles (28 miles) 1, B Sievenson (Derington) 15mn 35cc., 2, D Bradley (Derington) 15mn 35cc., 2, D Bradley (Derington) 15.47, 3, S Turner (South West Durham) 16.19. Teach: Durham Central 70th Botyles (18 miles), 1, R Hoddy (Durham Central) 11.16, 2, C Daves (Derington) 1125, 3, D Bellerby (Durham Central) 13 11 Teach: Currier Central 50 Particement HIII Fields: London cross-country characterists 

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1 36.77, S. S Armoz (Fr) 1 36 81; B. K Polender (Fin) 1 36 82, 7, D Grubchik (Slovensu) 1 36 83, 8, P Bourgeat (Fr) 1 3.86; 9, K. Ammozi (Nor) 1 3726; 10, M Nans (N) 1 3740 Leading orwind stallom positions; 1, Sangessinger 366pts; 2, Kusr 351, 3, Bourgeat 334, 4, 8 Fasch (Austria) 260, 5, C Jagoge (Noi) 260, 5, S Armoz (Fr) 251 Dominilli, 1, H Krauss; (Austria) 1 54 36, 5, K Greding (No) 269, 5, S Armoz (Fr) 251 Dominilli, 1, H Krauss; (Austria) 1 54 36, 5, K Greding (N) 1 54 35, 30, Franz (Austria) 1 55, 5, K Greding (N) 1 54 35, 6, F. K Greding (N) 1 54 36, 5, K Greding (N) 1 54 36, 5, K Greding (N) 1 55, 5, F. A Ammod (Nor) 1,55,09, 8, H Meer (Austria) 1 55, 6, 9, P Lasthyn (Swe) 156, 22, 10, J Stoch (Austria) 1,55,08, Leading overall dominilli positions: 1, Kus 500pts, 2, Franz 350, 3, Macro 282, 4, Kneuss 263, 5, Gheding 390, 6, Asmoci 262, Combined event 1, K A Ammod (Nor) 3mn 32 35 55, C Bedding 30, 6, Asmoci 262 Combined event 1, K A Ammod (Nor) 3mn 32 35 55, D Cuche (Swatz) 3 40 02, 6, J Grutnersteider (Swatz) 3 40, 37 Leading overall combined positions: 1, Kus 100 pp. 2, Aemod 180, 3, Franz 100; 4, Cuche 81, 5, M Hermann (Swatz) 64 Landing overall World Cap positions: 1, Kus 1,09pr. 2, Aemod 1,054, 3, Macri 1,053, 4, ELectrater (Austria) 657, 5, Knouss 629, 6, C Mayer (Austria) 565 CONTINA D'AMPEZZO, Italy: Wor CORTINA D'AMPEZZO, tinty: Women's World Cup; Super-Gr. 1, R Carogroud (Fr) time 20 25-sec. 2, S. Bernhod (Switz; 1-21-28, 3, M Dorfmelster (Austral) 1-21-70, 4, K Putza (fi) 1-20 5, 5, J Kostaic (Co); 22 19, 5, M Lurgoon (Car); 1-22-25 Leading overall Super-G positions: 1, A Messinger (Austral 40-25), 2, M Erti (Gen) 3-0, 3, Cavagnoud 3-35, Gland shalom: 1, Messinger and 25-25-8cc, 2, Erti 2-26-28, 3, A Wactier (Austral) 2-27-62, 4, R Cavagnoud (Fi) 2-27-37, 5, B Heeb (Lectherstein) 2-27-51 Leading overall gland shalom positions (after 58 events): 1, Messinger 520-915, 2, Wactier 256, 3, A Flemmen (Nor; 318 Leading overall World Cup positions (after 28 events): 1, Messinger 1, 33-915, 2, H Geng (Ger) 975; 3, Erti 944

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WORLD CITIES WOMEN'S INDOOR TOURNAMENT (in Periti) Friday: Sydney 2 Toxonto 3, Periti (Soutland XII) 3 Gissgow 4 Saturday: London (Sough HC) 7 Paris 1. Manchester (England under-21) 2 Toronto 3: Gissgow 3 Paris 4, Manchester 3 Sydney 5, Toronto D London 6; Sydney 2 Glasgow 3. Toronto 5 Paris 4, Periti 2 Manchester 2 Yesterday: Gissgow 1 Manchester 2, Syd-ney 9 Paris 2, Periti 3 London 3, Giasgow 4 Toronto 4, Manchester 3 Paris 6; Sydney 2 London 4, Periti 3 Toronto 1, Gissgow 5 Lon-don 1: Sydney 8 Periti 3, Firati standinges 1. London 13pts, 2, Sydney 12: 3, Giasgow 10; 4, Periti 8, 5, Toronto 7, 6, Paris 6, 7, Manchester 4. WOMEN'S NATIONAL INDOOR WOMEN'S NATIONAL MOODEN HEADLE Second division play-off matches (at Kings Heath) Group At N Stalls 1 Harleston M 7. Shelfield 2 Dunkich 3, Exriter 4 N Stalls 2, Horleston 5 Shelfield 1; Duhnich 2 Exeter 0. N Stalls 4 Shelfield 4. Harleston 4 Dunkich 2, Shelfield 2 Exeter 3. Duhnich 6 N Stalls 2, Exeter 2, Harleston 2 Final etamologis: 1, Harleston 10ths; 2, Duhnich 6 N Stalls 1. Harleston and Dunkich quality for National League second division SENIOR WOMEN'S CLUPS MATCHES: Addings 0 Doncaster 1, Bradlord 4 Poynton 1, Bury St Edmunds 1 Kettering 2, Loughborough Students 1 Otton 5, Old Loughborough Students 1 Tropans 2. WOMEN'S REGIONAL LEAGUES: Souther Hendon 2 Horstam 2, Southampton 4 Winchester 1; Tulse Hill 4 City of Porsmouth D, West Winey 3 Mautenhead 1.

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SUTTOM: Mitchem Open (25mm): 1. G
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BOSCOMBE: Poole Runners: Strict. 1, P. Drake (Poole Runners): 15mn: 32sec.; 2. G. Eggle (Westbury): 15:42: 3; D. Hundwell (Bournemouth): 15:49. Velerant. J Boyes (Bournemouth): 16:27. Weinhert: J Boyes (Bournemouth): 15:30. 2, T. Lindo (Poole Runners): 21:01; 3. S. Toping (Poole Runners): 21:01; 3. S. Toping (Poole Runners): GATESHEAD: Open Store: 1. C. Witcht. Bedford: Tries: Eliott, Murdoch, Zaltzmen. Con: Howard Bath: Tries: Adebayo. Baishow, penelly by Const. Cert 3. Pens: Cert 3. Att. 3,687 Rumers) 21:01; 3, 5 Toping (Pode Num-riess) 22:01.

GATESHEAD: Open State: 1. C Wiright (Mandale) 17:min 41:sec; 2, 5 Armstrond; (Sunderland): 18:23, 3, 5 Bowes (Unal-isched): 18:22 Women: N Erown (Creste-le-Syran): 17:55.

WESTON-SUPER-MARE: Prom 5 miles: 1. M Jamions (Newport): 24:min-44:sec; 2, 0 Simmons (Corneal): 25:11; 3, 8 Fonsbrock (Chellerhern): 25:13 Velleran: P Glamy (Grest Western Fluriesrs): 26:38, Over 50:1. Devic (Severn): 27:50 Over 60: C Lloyd (Shriftints): 28:00 Over 60: C Lloyd (Shriftints): 28:00 Over 60: C Lloyd (Shriftints): 29:05; 2, M Gay (Bristol): 29:24; 3, S Bourne (unalisother): 32:30. Hartequins 17 London trish Harlendins: Tries: Menssh, O'Lesry. Cons: Schuster 2. Pem: Schuster London trist: Tries: O'Shee 2. Bishop. Cons: Woods 2. Pen: Woods. Alt: 7.824: 23 . Giouceste Leicester: Tries: Lougheed 2, Strensty. Con: Stringson. Pens: Stringson 2 Gloucester: Try: Tombs. Con: Mepistoff Pens: Mapieloft 3, Att. 11,384 Northempton 19 W Hartlepool 14

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LEADING SCORERS; 254: J Schuster (Halegurs, 4 mea, 24 convenions, 5 peralty goals, 1 dropped goal) 286: G Johnson (Sarciers, 7: 34c, 35pg) 287: K Logan (Waspe, 6, 24c, 41pg, 188: M Catt (Batt a, 25c, 40pg), 188: J Williamson (Howeasties a, 34c, 30pg), 179: N Woods (London Irish, 10, 21c, 25pg), 188: J Stansky (Leicester, 6, 30c, 25pg), 154: M Mapletoft (Glouzaster, 5), 15c, 32pg, 10gl, 140: S Howards (Salty, 7 Loga, 23pg), Tries: 12: J Gascott (Batty, 7 Lam (Northampton, Woods & N Back (Leicester), 8 Demail (Sancons), V Lugarrete (Newcastle), If Underwood (Bedford), T Underwood (Newcastle). Second division

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Rotherham: Tries: Wade 3, Lax, Part Leeds: Try: Penely by Con: Jemes, Pen: Wakefield: Tries: Shina 2, First, Lloyd. Con: Dixon. Pens Decon. Orrell: Try: Sie-men. Con: Verbickas Pens: Verbickas 2. Waterloo 11 Rugby 3 Waterloo: Try: Hackney. Pens: L Critishs ? Rugby: Pen: M Dawes. Worcester 14 London Welsh 12 Worcester: Try: Myler Penet: Liley 3. London Welsh: Triest Currer, Roskell, Con. Lee. P W D L F A 8
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LEADING SCORERS: 188: S Gough (Covarry; 6 fries, 30 conversions, 32 pensity
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39pg). 156: L Griffithe (Westrot), 22, 77c,
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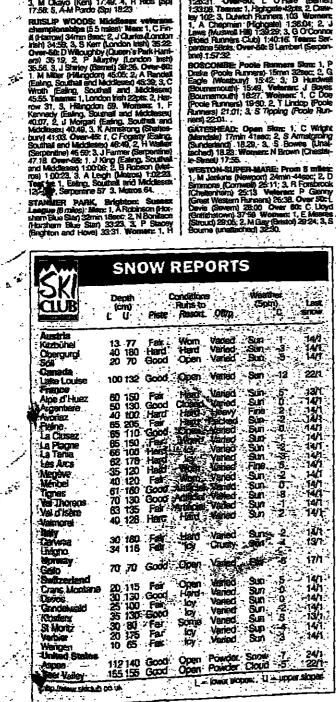
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SECOND DIVISION: Balynehinch 13 Bective Rangers 16: Dolphin 6 DLSP 6: Greystone: 19 Malone 22: Old Belvedere 22 Sunday's Well 17: Old Crascent 17 Linversty College, Cork 17: Old Wesley 10 Portadown 10; Sterries 8 Deny 18: Postponed: Dungamon v Wanderers.

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Radcliffe in camera: Anita Weyermann, right, shadows Paula Radcliffe, of Great Britain, in the Coca-Cola cross-country international in front of the Parliament Buildings in Belfast on Saturday. The Swiss eventually won. Report, page 40

# **RUGBY UNION** Norwich Tabard Rednish Plymouth Bridgwerer Clition Chetenham Hevant

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LEADING SCORERS: 273: S Swindells (Manchester: 4 tries: 44 conversions, 55 persity goals) 180: D Pears (Manfedele: 4, 17c, 39g), 3 dropped goals) 179: C Alurson (Noturgham; 21, 20c, 43gg) 171: G Gregory (Camberley, 21, 19c, 40pc), 103: SS; J Dence (Reading, 11, 24c, 34gg) 137: M Berch (Bermingham/Solihut); 21, 23c, 27gg) 17thess \$1. Flay-Orticly); D Alackati (Reading); 8: T Burgon (Manchester), B Rowland (Reading), G Sharp (Hernley)

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# Radcliffe is forced to play second fiddle

By DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

ANITA WEYERMANN was not riding a trick cycle while juggling three sticks as she celebrated her victory over Paula Radcliffe, of Great Britain, in the Coca-Cola International cross-country in Belfast on Saturday, but it may have been merely the absence of props that stopped her. The multitalented Weyermann, from Switzerland, can, when the mood strikes, demonstrate the basic skills of a circus entertainer as well as ski downhill, fast. And, for good measure, she can pull from her cabinet a 1,500 metres medal from the previous

world championships. Weyermann developed her one-wheel, cycling-juggling technique some years ago to improve her balance for skiing. Then, having skied competitively, in International Ski Federation (FIS) events, she revealed herself as an athlete.

In 1994, she won the world junior 1,500 metres title, which convinced her to put track before piste. "I thought I had better make athletics my first sport," she said.

Two years later, Weyermann gained a second junior world title, this time at 3,000 metres, and her victory over Radcliffe at cross-country represents an extension of the path of progress that she has taken in the past two years to senior world and European 1,500 metres bronze medals. To judge by her form at the weekend, Weyermann, 21, has every chance of taking her first senior international gold at the world cross-country cham-

pionships in March. Raddiffe will not come up against Weyermann in the world championships. Weyermann has opted for the shortcourse race, over four kilometres, while Radcliffe has chosen the longer event, over eight kilometres. Finishing second. Radcliffe was well clear of women she will line up against in the world champion- individual titles.

ships, although not, notably. Sonia O Sullivan, who is training in Australia. Radcliffe, runner-up in the past two world championships, is uncertain whether O'Sullivan will be competing against her in a few weeks. O'Sullivan won the long and short-course titles in Marrakech last year and Radcliffe said: "She is only going to defend one, from what I have heard, but you never

Radcliffe has lost all three of her races since winning the European title last month, the result of a cold and chest infection. However, after her last pre-world championship race, in Tourcoing, France, this Saturday, she plans four weeks altitude training before returning to Belfast for the world

championships.
"I am pleased with that today," Raddliffe said, bearing in mind that the distance over the Stormont Estate course, 4,800 metres, was closer to the one that Weyermann will face at the world championships at Barnett Park. Weymermann made her move on the third

lap to win by 70 metres.

Radcliffe was 100 metres clear of Colleen de Reuck, from South Africa, who was third. Birhan Dagne, the first African refugee to run for England, was seventh. Dagne was making her debut for England four years after competing for Ethiopia at the world championships in Durham, at which she broke camp to seek asy-

The African hold on the men's title extended to an eighth year, as Hendrik Ramaala came from behind on the final lap to outsprint Laban Chege, from Kenya, and Carsten Jorgensen, from Denmark. When Ramaala, from South Africa, returns for the world championships, he will be happy with nothing less than ending Kenya's run of

# Devon college has cream of the crop

BY DAVID POWELL

sloppy goal conceded before the cup-final triumph, the double faults served in the straight-sets victory, the missed putts on the way to golfing glory. How often do you hear a team manager say, when all squad members are fit and available, that this apparent state of perfection has served only to create a selection head-

South Dartmoor Com-Colmunity Success has created its own flaw. The headache, like the ones suffered by team one that the coilege is pleased

to have, however. As a consequence of its specialist sports college status. South Dartmoor has so many pupils in year seven who want to play team sport that other schools cannot meet the demand for competition.

"Such is the interest that we are able to field four teams in netball, football and rugby and it is not easy to find fixtures for four teams," Steve Dinnie, director of PE and sport at South Dartmoor. said, "but it is a nice problem to have." A small imperfec-tion of the college's own making. How did it happen? In 1996, South Dartmoor launched an initiative

EACH success story has its small imperfection, be it the specialist sports colleges under a Government plan to raise standards. They will be regional focal points for excellence in physical education and community sport, extending links between families of schools, sports bodies and communities," the mission statement read. **Establishments** 

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Employment in Ashburton.

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stands, offered land and property to the value of £90,000. A further £10,000 came from other local backers and South Dartmoor began to sense a metamorphosis. There is more to it, though,

for would-be sports colleges than raising money and building facilities. "They building facilities. must demonstrate how they will set themselves up as the hub of sporting and physical education activity in their community, Sara Wright, of Youth Sport Trust, the registered charity appointed to liaise with schools, said. "The DfEE is trying to set up these



primary schools and other secondary schools and can develop programmes for the

South Dartmoor is a shining example, best illustrated by its netball programme. When Karen Dinnie arrived as the college netball coach, paid for by sports college funding, South Darmoor had no county or area representative players and no local club. Now Ashmoor Netball Club. which she started, holds the Plymouth indoor league title and five of the first-team squad are college students. All five are county junior players. It is a model of how

the England outdoor team,

Tina Cullen or Jane Sixsmith.

Halliday said that his

team's learning curve had con-

valuable lessons. He added:

tinued and they had learned

school-to-club links work. providing senior and junior nethall, and why Dinnie was presented with the Devon coach-of-the-year award last

South Dartmoor is also breaking through in other sports. "From being previously a low-key, non-competitive gymnastics dub, we were runners up in the national schools under-13 floor and vault championships in our first year as a sports coilege." Steve Dinnie said. "We are national champions in girls tug-of-war and Alan Miller is our first sporting international at the college for 25 years."

Miller was selected for England Schools under 16 rugby. "Sports college status has given us much more funding for sport and PE," Steve Din-me added. "We cater for all abilities, from special needs to elite. When those students start here at year seven, they are aiready at a high stand-

ard, which is why we run four

teams at year seven.".
Under South Dartmoor's conversion to a sports college. its department of PE has grown from a staff of five to built and improved equipthe bulk of funding has gone towards teaching expertise. We have had the money for teachers to develop qualifications, including teachers from outside the department," Steve Dirmie said. "The range of sports taught has widened." here is even boxing for girls.

The lick of paint that is sport is not there to conceal an academic damp spot, either. South Dartmoor's latest GCSE results were its best, 54 per cent of students achieving grade C or higher in five subjects. "We work closely with other departments to make sure curriculum work and homework is not adversely affected." Steve Dinnie said.

**HOCKEY:** LONDON TEAMS VICTORIOUS AGAINST RIVALS FROM ABROAD AND CLOSER TO HOME

# Smith powers English win

TWO goals by Jane Smith set up a rare English win against Slough, representing London. won 4-1 to take the title in the inaugural Perth World Cities

By Cathy Harris

indoor tournament yesterday. Despite later losing to Glasgow Western, the Scottish national dub champions, the competition had already been won and Andy Halliday, the coach, used the game to give his less experienced players an opportunity against seasoned opponents.

Smith was the top scorer, with 15, and it was her accuracy that inspired her club to victory in the first phase of their indoor campaign. This weekend. Slough hope to regain the national title and take part in the European club championship in February. One of the unsung heroes of

"It's even more satisfying to have beaten an Australian TIMES side — the players are just starting to play the style I'm aiming for." EAT OUT FOR £5 The England Under-21 team, representing Manchester and preparing for the European under-21 championship in Prague this weekend, fin-

> gutsy 2-1 victory over Glasgow yesterday that effectively ended the hopes of the Scots. Meanwhile, after the withdrawal of Welton from the national indoor play offs, Harles-ton Magpies finished unbeaten to clinch promotion to the second division next season.

ished last, but it was their

Smith is equally at home in midfield or providing another option in attack. A member of the World Cup squad of last year and a silver medal-win-SOUTHGATE took control in the last ten minutes of their ner at the Commonwealth Games. Smith usually earns match against Hounslow to record a 4-2 win in the premier plaudits for her unselfish play in setting up chances for either

day after the winter break. fore the road to victory was dis-Southgate were 2-1 down early in the second half and, apart from hitting a post, they squandered several other scoring op-

The intricate skills of Kwane Browne, the former Trinidad captain, played a key part in Southgate's success. He laid on two of their goals and kept the front line moving. From his back pass. in the seventeenth minute, Kerry gave Southgate the lead, which was neutralised almost on half-time when

ner for Hounslow. ond half, Gillmon sprang a surprise put Hounslow ahead,

# Southgate break the ice to stay in touch at top

division of the National League, which resumed yester-

Much had gone wrong becovered. Caught off-guard. portunities.

Nurse converted a short cor-Three minutes into the secBY SYDNEY FRISKIN

but Southgate eventually retaiiated with goals from Simons, Kerry and Woods. Rott, the German forward, figured prominently in most of Southgate's attacks.

Canterbury overcame a spirited challenge at home by Beeston to win 4-1, with Pinnock scoring twice to add to goals by Evennett, from a short cor-

Results and tables 39

ner, and Wicken. Barralet replied for Beeston. Mark Hoskin opened his account for Guildford in the 38th minute, but not before Crutchley had scored three goals for Cannock, with Sharpe also

Reading's visit to Bournville ended in a 43 victory, after Lose had given them a 2-0 lead within 21 minutes. The advan-

chipping in for a 4-1 home vic-

tage was increased to 4-l through Slay and Pearn, but late goals by Grummitt and Oates reduced the margin. Grummitt had also scored Bournville's first goal in the 22nd minute. By the end whe day, Canterbury, Cannock, Southgate and Reading retained their positions at the top of the premier division table, although Beeston, who lie in fifth position, have a game

Barford Tigers took over the leadership of the first division, followed by Surbiton, Doncaster and Havant.

in hand.

The fifth round of the EHA Men's Cup was completed on Saturday, with Reading defeating Loughborough Students 4-1 to set up a home match against Canterbury on February 28. Reading had a 4-0 lead, with two goals by Pearn and one each by Ashdown, in a short corner, and Collison. Langiands replied for Loughborough, the visitors, a minute before half-time.

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FA CHERRO TROPHY: Third round: Altracham v Button Albort, Aviesbury v Newport
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POOTBALL LEAGUE YOUTH ALLIANCE: North West Conference: Chesser
v Carlise Utf (1,0); v Carisse Utd (1.0). AVON INSURANCE CONTENATION: First division: Northempton v Norwich

PONTIN'S LEAGUE CUP: Group one: Scarborough v Newcastle (7.0) Group tive: Stoke v Stockport (at Newcastle Town, 7.0).

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FOOTBALL WORTHINGTON CUP: Semi-mail, first leg: Sunderland v Letcoster (7 45) NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second (84) NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second division: Bournamouth v Preston (7.45), Ful-ham v Oidhem (7.45), Macclashed v Mat-wal (7.45) Third division: Peterborough v Hus (7.45).

AUTO WINDSCREENS SHEED: North-em section, second round: Roondale v Stoke (7 45) Northern section, quarter-8-refac. Hartlepool v Lincoln (7 45); Cestele v Wigan (7 45)

NATIONWIDE CONFERENCE: Hayes v Cover (7-45): Rushden and Diatorics v Kod-deminister (7-45): Yeovil v Forest Green REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Unificond Lengue v FA XI (at Skelybridge Celloc, 7.30).

**RUGBY UNION** ALLIED DERBAR PREMIERSHIP: First division: Retimond v Latersiar (8 (t) WELSH CHALLENGE TROPHY: Pool A: Neath v Cereda (7.0); Portypodd v Geor-gia (7.0). Pool B: Ebbw Vise v Gauteng Fel-cons (7.0); Lienes v Romanis (7.0); CLUB MATCHES: Cambridge University v British Poice (7.15); Royal Navy v Cevon (at Rectory, Plymouth, 7.0)

OTHER SPORT ICE HOCKEY: Seleonde Superingue; Newcastle Reverlings y Notingham Pan-thers (7 15) WEDNESDAY FOOTBALL

WORTHINGTON CUP: Sami-dinal, first leg: Totterham v Wimbledon (8.05). FA CUP: Fourth round: Shelfield Ltd v **diff** (7 45) NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Third division: Scattorough v Leyton Orient (7.30). SCOTTISH PRISHIER LEAGUE: Dundee v Rangers (7.45).

RUGBY UNION CHELTENHAM AND GLOUCESTER CUP: First round, second leg: Oreal (3) v Sele (70) (7.15) WELSH CHALLENGE TROPHY: Pool Is: Bridgend v Glasgow Caledonans (7.15). CLUB MATCH: Orderd University v Rich-mond (7.15). SCHOOLS MATCH: England v Australia (at Bridgwater, 7.05)

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Uni-ball Trophy: Quar-tur-flushs: Binnergham Bullets v Manches-ter Gents: tet Aston Vila. 7-20); Defty Sorth v Neucastle Eagles (8 0); London Towers v Lecester Richers (7-20); Sheffeld Shaks v Chester Jefs (7-20); Sheffeld Shaks v Chester Jefs (7-20); Sheffeld Langue: Greatter London Languards v Edip-troph Rocks (et Brentword, 7-20). ICE HOCKEY: Setomada Superlanguet, Ayr Scottleth Eagles v Cardiff Deels (7-20);

THURSDAY ICE HOCKEY: Sekonda Superleague: Manchester Storm v London Knights (7 0) FRIDAY

FOOTBALL NATIONWIDE LEAGUE: Second divi-sion: Stoke v Marchesler City (7.45). RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB MATCHES: Wakefield v Snetfield (7 30), Castleford v Geteshead (7 30)

OTHER SPORT BASKETBALL: Budweleer League: New castle Eagles v London Towers (7.30). SATURDAY FOOTBALL .

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FA CARLING PRIEMIERSHIP: Blackburn
Y Tossenfarn, Coversty v Unwapod; Eventon
V Notingham Forest, Middleshrough v
Lecasior, Newcostale v Aston Ville, Shelfield
Wednestay, v Darty, Southermoton v
Lecs; Wintbledon v West Harn.
NATPONIMIDE LEASTIE: First divisions
Solon v Norwich: Crows v Shelfield Unit
Huddensent v Snatiol Cay, Ipanier v Port
Vate; Chord Uit v Bernaley, Culens Park
Rangers v Forfamouth, Societor v Woverhampion; Swindon v Bury, Transmer Cyssol Palace, Westord v Sunderland, West Bromweh v Garnsby, Second division: Black-Kick-off 3.0 unless stated

pool v Macclesfield; Bristol Rovers v Colchester; Chesterfield v Wycombe; Fulhern v
Northempton. Lincoln v Burntey; Luton v
Bourserfouth; Millwalf v Burntey; Luton v
Bourserfouth; Millwalf v Gaffrighern; Notte County v Reading; Walseal v Wijers; Whee, harn v Prestor; York v Oldham. Third divialon: Barnet v Swerses; Brighton v Peerborough; Cerribridge Util v Carfelle; Carribl v Bredtod; Easter v Phymouth (11 0); Hal-lax v Rotherham, Hull v Sinewabtry; Leyton Crient v Datington; Marstell v Chester; Ro-chdale v Harriepod; Southorpe v Soarbor-ough; Southerd v Torquey. MATTORWIDE CONFERIENCE: Barnor v Kingstonier; Dover v Leek; Famborough v Wolking; Forest Green v Hadnestord; Hae-ford v Stevenspo; Ketteng v Donosser; Kidsernikatar v Hayes, Monocamba v Yeo-ut, Northalch v Rushden and Damonds; Soutinport v Chellenham; Welling v Tetrod.

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Soutripon v Chellenhern, Welling v Tetlord,
Scottish HriBarter Leadure Anderdeen v Rangers, Dundes Uld v Dunfermine;
Hearts v Mothervelt, Kimemock v Dundes
Scottish Leadure, Pirst division: Altdie v Hiberhien, Greenock Monton v Strantask, Hardison v Father, Path v Oydebank,
St Minser v Ay. Second division: Antonath
v Cydic Inventess CT v Forfer, Livingston v
Particl; Queen of South v Allox, Shring v
Past File. Third division: Specific v
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Gloussiar v Hanley (3.0): Leicester v
Leick (3.0): London Scottleth v Fatricipuss
(3.0): Northempton v London Infah (2.0):
West Hantepool v Nemossiae (3.0).
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i2.15; Yaberd v Weston-euper-More (2.15) v SWALEG CUP: Fifth round: Bonymaen (2.15) v LWIC, Casephilly v Bedwas: Cardis' v Apenalery: Cross Kays v Enthagarat. Gwrellynigil v Pontypaddi-Firwaun v Tonckt. Llanelli v Ynysglawi; Llenhaltein v Yshradgyniets; Maesteg v Bladwood; Nanyeniosi v Bidgend; Pengodi, Pontypool. Llen v Blow Vale, Baernea v Newport. Tredegar v Rumney; Whatland v Pontypool. Yshrad Fihonddy v Aberston.

Whitendy Portycool, Ystract Floraddy v Ab-craon.
TEINRENT'S VELVET PREMIERSHIP-First distalon: Curie v Heriot's FP, Jed-For-est v Glasgout Harrist; Meloos v Borough-mut; Wastoriars v Stiffing County, West of Scotland v Harwell. Second division: Eden-burgh Aceds v Gundes HSFP. Kinstrock v Gall; Kelendy's Bigger, Museoburgh v Ab-erdeen GSFP, Seldrik - Kelso.
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holdes) v P Rekt (Sheffield) (at York Hat,
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Gracknell Bees v Necasite Riverlenge (6 0)
Cardiff Devite v Sheffield Steelers (7 0); Nortingham Panthers v Manchester Storm
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FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal v Chalicae (4 0). Charlton v Manchester Utd (4 0). ead). MATICONVIDE LEAGUE: First division: Einwigham v Bradford († 0) SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Pramier division: Califo v St Johnstone (6 0S) **RUGBY UNION** 

TETLEY'S BITTER CUP: Fifth round: Lydney v Sancere (2-16), Richmond v-Exere (3-16), Wasps v Waterloo (1-46), LEWSON MATIONAL LEAGUE: Second division south: Mot Police v Brednell (1 m)

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Romhal (3.30), Hennel Stags v Feather
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Astam, Leigh v Norland: Rochdals v Wigan

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haven v Seddleworth (3.30), Widnes v West

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# Deciding whether tenancy exists

Mehta v Royal Bank of Scotsign a new contract. Mr Mehta reland pic and Others
sign a new contract. Mr Mehta requirements of the local authority
fused and sought legal advice on
quirements of the local authority Before Mr Richard Southwell QC (Judgment January 14) In deciding whether a tenancy ex-

isted, the three hailmark princi-ples, occupation for a term, at a rent, with exclusive possession, as set out in Street v Mountfor (1985) AC 825, 826), were not decisive in circumstances where other schots of equal importance to and in addition to those hallmarks

Mr Richard Southwell, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held in awarding Mr Jal Mehta £100,000 damages for wrongful eviction. In October 1993 Mr Mehra had approached Mr John McKerchar of Nolan Associates regarding the rent of a room in the Brompton Ho-tel at 30/32 Old Brompton Road,

on a long term basis, as he was not a visitor but a Londoner. Mr Melna was informed that mortgagee in possession of the ho-tel that Mr C. G. Adams had been appointed receiver of the hotel and was authorised to manage and op-erate it on behalf of Mr Falheli Gu-lam Hussein Ramji. FCA, the charwhich was in due course to be

Mr Adams had given written in-structions for Nolan Associates to act as the management agents for properties. Mr McKerchar after obtaining consent from the bank entered into an oral agreement with Mr Mehta, that Mr Mehta was to have exclusive possession on a long term basis of room 418 in the hotel at an agreed month-

months. On May 5, 1994 Mr Me-hta was told by Mr Adams and Mr Notan that completion was to take place on the sale of the hotel, and he was asked leave by the following day; further, if he wanted to oc-cupy his room he would have to fused and sought legal advice on the following day. He returned to find that he had been wrongfully

Mr Mehta in person; Mr Peler Brunner for Mr Ramji. HIS LORDSHIP said that the three hallmarks were present: 1 Mr Mehta had exclusive posses-

2 There were monthly payments: 3 There was a periodical term.
In addition, reference could be made to these other factors: 4 This was a room in a hotel, aithough as Mr Mehta pointed out, in a hotel being run in what was still recognisably built as a house. 5 The room was let as a furnished

6 Limited services of cleaning and formightly bedsheet changing (rightly described as minimal) were provided.

7 It was known to both parties the hotel was in the hands of a receiver

and presumably to be sold as a going concern, if possible. 8 It was known to both parties that Mr Mehta wanted long term possession of the room:

9 The agreement was clearly on a special basis, expressly distinguished by the parties from the ordinary arrangements for a hotel 10 When Mr Mehta's first claim

was pleaded in West London County Court in May 1994 by counsel and solicitors, the pleading was based on a licence and not a tenancy. contrary to Mr Mehte's instruc-tions and subsequently corrected by him on amendment, and the interim infunction was discharged not binding on a purchaser of the el with notice: see Ashburn Astalt v Arnold ([1989] ChD 1). II When Mr Mehta's claims were

first instance or by the Court of Ap-

for long-term letting on the footing that the hotel did not have estab lished user. That was not accepted.

13 In documents prepared shortly before Mr Mehta was evicted he was described as a resident, and a long-term guest. Those documents were relied on by Mr Mehta as evidencing what he had agreed orally with Mr McKerchar.

In his Lordship's judgment, the question whether this was a ten cy or a contractual licence on the facts of the case, was not an easy one to answer and the approach of the House of Lords in Street v Mountford was not easy to apply

in such circumstances. His Lordship concluded that tractual licence and not a tenancy. in reaching his conclusion his Lordship said that it might be considered that he was going contrary to Lord Templeman's view that the three hallmarks to which he referred were decisive in favour of a

tenancy.

However, in his Lordship's judgment, the observations in Street v Mountford were directed primarily to a case in which the three hall-marks were the factors of overriding importance, and in which the landlord had deliberately set out to exclude Rent Act protection for the

Those observations could not be applied indiscriminately, and particularly not in a case in which there were other equally signifi-cant factors to be taken into ac-count in addition to the three hall-

Having regard to all the factors above, his Lordship was satisfied that this case was distinguishable from Street v Mountford on its facts. Like Lord Templeman his Lordship was concerned as to how contractual tenancies and contractual licences were in general to be But in his Lordship's judgment there was no simple, all-embracing test for such a distinction. The search for such a test would be a search for a chimera.

What each court, faced with the . need to make a distinction, had to do was weigh all the relevant and significant factors and to decide in the light of them on which side of the line the particular case fell.

This case fell on the contractual licence side of the line: see Abbey-field (Harpenden) Society Ltd v Woods (1968) W.R. 374, Luganda v Service Hotels Ltd ([1969] 2 Ch 209) and Marchant v Charters (1977) i WLR 1181). His Lordship concluded that a notice period of four months was

nonce period of lour months was appropriate, that Mr Mehta was emitted under section 27 of the Housing Act 1988 to the statutory damages of £45.000 against Mr Ramji, calculated under section 28.

Mr Ramji was also vicariously libited by the section of the months of the section of the sectio able for the trespass committed by Mr Adams and Mr Nolan, the to-

tal of £27,500 to be set off against the statutory damages.

Each of Mr Adams and Mr No-lan was liable to Mr Mehra in trespass and as joint tortlessor for the same common law damages totalling £27.500.
His Lordship referred to com-

ments made on October 17, 1997. by Lord Justice Robert Walker when he had refused leave to apneal the decision of Mr. Justice Curtis on May 7, 1997 striking out Mr Mehta's action against the bank. Lord Justice Robert Walker had stated that in law the bank as mortgagee was not responsible for the

actions of Mr Adams, although it was the bank which had appointed him as receiver. Under the general law, and under the terms of the mortgage, it was the mortgagor. Mr Ramji who would normally bear such responsibility.
Lord Justice Robert Walker had

drawn attention to the harshness of that principle, since it was always the mortgagee, not the mort-gagor, who had the funds necessary to make good the receiver's wrongful acts.

His Lordship respectfully added his voice to that of the Court of Appeal. This was a long established principle that needed reconsidera-tion in modern conditions because not infrequently it could work seri-

His Lordship added that the ab-sence of legal aid had meant that virtually all the proceedings had heen conducted by Mr Mehta as a litigant in person. That had resulted in a number of abortive proceedings, involving much wasted costs, part of the courts.

If the litigant in person had been able to obtain competent and effec-tive legal advice from the outset, the right defendants could have been sued in respect of the right causes of action.

provided to Mr Mehta.

needed to be to achieve a better hal-

ance between, the cost to the tax-

payer of abortive civil legal pro-

occdings before the courts, and the

cost of providing effective and com-petent legal advice and assistance

so as to avoid such abortive pro-

Unless that was achieved, the

unnecessary burden on the civil courts was likely to rise substantial-

Solicitors: Keegan Williams.

reserved judgment allowing an appeal by five employees, Lee Callaghan, Kevin Chandler, Michael Gomez, Robert Shallis and Sean Instead the time of the courts has been spent on many occasions unnecessarily. That was not the fault of the litigant in person, Mr Talbot, from the judgment of Mr Justice Popplewell on March 26. Mehta, who had, as Lord Justice Robert Walker had recognised had 1997, whereby he had held, inter floundered without knowledge or guidance in a legal system which alia, that their employer. Cantor Fizzerald International, had not provided virtually no help to him repudiated their contracts of emas a litigant in person. loyment by failing to comply with It was not improbable that the costs of unnecessary court time had substantially exceeded, in the demands made on the public agreed arrangements as to

their salary packages. Mr Eldred Tabachnik QC and Miss Jane Tracy Forster for the em-ployees; Mr Alistair McGregor, purse, the cost of simple legal aid if It seemed to his Lordship that, QC and Mr Nigel Porter for the emin the course of the present reforms of the civil justice system, one aim

[Judgment January 21]

In a contract of employment the

contractual arrangements for pay

between employer and employee were of crucial importance. The de-

liberate and determined refusal by

an employer to honour an agree-men thus diminishing the value to

an employee of an agreed salary

package amounted to a repudiatory breach of the contract of employ-

The Court of Appeal so held in a

LORD JUSTICE JUDGE said that the employees were members of a team of inter-dealer brokers employed by Cantor on its Belgian government securities desk. In 1997 the five handed in a joint

notice of termination of their em-ployment, intending to start work with Cantor's rivals. Liberty Eur A-For the purposes of the appeal the defendants claimed that their contracts of employment had been repudiated on the ground, inter alia, that Cantor had wrongly

failed or refused to comply with the agreed arrangements in relation to their salary packages, connected in particular with assurances given to them about tax liabilities. Their contracts of employment with Cantor had made provision for payment to each of them of four-year £60,000 forgiveable

loans that included arrangements

to exclude any prospect of any tax ii-

ability being incurred by the de-tendants. In the eventual circumstances. and inconsistently with that agree-ment, each defendant became liable to tax on the imputed benefit of the interest-free element of the forgiveable loans and Cantor refused to do anything about the problem. The loan agreement was inte-

gral to the contracts of employ-

Regina v Central Criminal

cution of Offences Act 1985, it was

Court, Ex parte Bennett

Cantor Fitzgerald Internament and was intended to and in fact formed part of the defendants' tional v Callaghan and Othagreed salary package and was plainly intended to represent a con-Refore Lord Justice Nourse, Lord tractually binding warranty that Justice Judge and Lord Justice Tuckey there would be no additional liability for tax.

Failure to comply with

salary package

The judge assumed that Cantor was in breach of a contractually enforceable obligation but that the de-fendants' claim failed. He held that Cantor's failure to pay the sums in question did not amount to a signifcant breach going to the root of the contract of employment. However, a more wide-ranging

about the currect approach to a failhonour his employee's salary pack-

The first principle advanced by Cantor was that contracts of emnkwment did not constitute a spe cial type of contract in which one party, the employee, was justified n treating the contract as repudiated by the other, the employer, however minimal the breach.

That was correct. As Lord Denning. Master of the Rolls, had observed in Western Excavarion (ECC) Ltd v Sharp (1978 | 1 QB 761,

769;
"If the employer is guilty of conduct which is a significant breach going to the root of the contract of employment, or which shows that the employer no longer intends to be bound by one or more of the essential terms of the contract, then the employee is entitled to treat himself as discharged from any further performance. If he does so then he terminates the contract by reason of the employer's conduct."

The argument based on the decision of the Employment Appeal Triand Co Ltd ([1979] 1RLR 457) misled the judge into approaching the impact of a decision by an employ-er to withhold or reduce pay as if the amount and the proportion it bore to the total package were connot the breach was repudiatory. In reality it was difficult to exaggerate the crucial importance of pay in any contract of employ-

ment. In simple terms the employ-ee offered his skills and efforts in exchange for his pay. That was the understanding at the heart of the contractual arrangment between him and his employ er: see Cresswell v Board of Inland Revenue (1984) ICR 508, 522); R. F.

Hill Ltd v Mooney ([1981] IRLR 258); Miles v Wakefield Metropolitan District Council ([1987] AC 539, 570) and Rigby v Ferodo Ltd ([1988] The question whether non-payment of agreed wages or interfer-ence by an employer with a salary

Illness irrelevant in time

limit extension

package was or was not fundamental to the continued existence of a contract of employment, depended on the critical distinction to be drawn between an employer's failure to pay, or his delay in paying agreed remuneration, and his de liberate refusal to do so.

tuted a breach of contract, depending on the circumstances, that might represent no more than a semporary fault in the employer's technology, an accounting error or simple mistake, or illness, or accident, or unexpected events. If so, it would be open to the court to conclude that the breach did not go to the root of the contract.

On the other hand, if the failure or delay in payment was repeated and persistent, perhaps also unex-plained, the court might be driven to conclude that the breach or breaches were indeed repudiatory. Where, however, an employer unilaterally reduced his employ ee's pay or diminished the value of his salary package, the entire foun-

dation for the contract of employ ment was undermined. Therefore, an emphatic denial by the employer of his obligation to pay the agreed salary or wage, or a determined resolution not to comply with his contractual obligations in relation to pay and remu

neration would normally be regarded as repudiatory. It was doubtful that the concept of de minimis had any relevance in this field. If the amount at stake was very small, and the circumstances justifying a minimal reduc-tion were explained to the employee, then the likelihood was that he

would be prepared to accept new

terms by way of mutual variation of the original contract. However, an apparently slight change imposed on a reluctant employee by economic pressure exercised by the employer should not be confused with a consensual variation, and in such circumstances an employee would be entitled to treat the contract of employment as discharged by the employer's

In this case the amount in issue was not in the context of the overall package very great, although the However, the refusal to pay was deliberate and determined, motivat-ed by a desire improperly to pressu-rise the defendants into harder

mined the contract of employment and constituted a repudiatory Lord Justice Nourse and Lord

Justice Tuckey agreed. Solicitors: Magrath & Co: Nor-

# Naming company when disqualifying director

In re Surrey Leisure Ltd Misefore Mr Justice Jonathan Parker Judgment January 14]

In disqualification proceedings brought under section 6 of the Compary Directors Disqualification Act 1986 it was permissible for the applicant for a disqualification or-der to nominate more than one lead company on the originating application. However, there was no requirement under section 16(1) that the notice of intention to bring such proceedings should name all the lead companies.

Mr Justice Jonathan Parker so held in the Chancery Division in dismissing an appeal by Michael Keam against an order made by Judge Morgan at Kingston County Court refusing to strike out pro-teedings brought by the Official Re-leiver under section 6 of the 1986

vides: "(1) A person intending to ap-ply for the making of a disqualifica-tion order by the court having jurisdiction to wind up a company shall give not less than 10 days' notice of his intention to the person against whom the order is sought."

Mr Matthew Collings for Mr

Jerry Juhan Developments SA v Avon Tyres Ltd

Before Mr Justice Evans-Lombe

Where a bailor breached an im-blied term of a bailment by failing

to take delivery of goods within a

reasonable time, there was no bur-

den on a bailee who had lost the

goods to prove that he would have

been in a position to deliver them.

up at any time up until the expiry of the reasonable period.

Mr Justice Evans-Lombe sitting

as an additional judge of the Queen's Beach Division, so held

when dismissing an action by the plaintiffs, Jerry Juhan Develop-

ments SA, against Avon Tyres Ltd.

tiffs: Mr Adam Tolley for the de-

said that the plaintiffs were a Swiss

company and the owners of a pat-

In 1983 they granted Jerry Juhan-Developments (UK) Ltd the right to manufacture, supply and distrib-ute their tyres within the United Kingdom, JJD (UK) then contract-

ed with Avon Tyres for the manufacture of the plaintiffs' patented

tyres from moulds made to JJD

Mott and Another v Environ-

Before Lord Justice Evans, Lord

Justice Otton and Lord Justice

Express provision was made in by-laws passed in 1990 by the Nation-

al Rivers Authority for the licence

issuing authority to authorise the issue of licences for the placing and

use of fixed engines for fishing for

salmon or eels generally in the au-

The Court of Appeal so held dis-

missing the appeal of the defend-

ant, the Environment Agency, against the judgment of Judge Wil-liam Gaskell in Monmouth Coun-

ty Court on December 8, 1997,

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in Unity FR 165 Ltd v Ministry of Agriculture. Fisheries and Food (The Times January 20) Mr Martin

Edmunds, instructed by Kirsons. Torgoay, appeared for the minis-try and Mr Robin Miller, instruct-

ed by Gill Akaster, Hymouth, ap-

peared for the appellant defend-

ment Agency

Undgment January 20

thority's area.

The tyre system involving twin nar-risw tyres mounted on a single hub.

Mr Mark Sutton for the plain-

MR JUSTICE EVANS-LOMBE

(Judgment January 19)

Keam: Mr Jonathan Crow for the Official Receiver.

MR JUSTICE JONATHAN PARKER said the Official Receiver had brought proceedings in the matter of two companies, Surrey Leisure Ltd and Joe Bananas Ltd. On September 13, 1996, the Offi-cial Receiver wrote to the respondents giving notice of his inte to seek disqualification orders against them. The letter was headed "In the matter of Joe Bananas Ltd" and made no reference to Sur-

However, the originating application in the disqualification pro-ceedings was headed "In the matter of Joe Bananas Ltd and in the maner of Surrey Leisure Ltd". On July 23, 1998, Mr Keam issued an application to strike out the entire proceedings on the ground that the Official Receiver because he failed to give prior no tice of the disqualification proceed-ings in so far as they related to Sur-

rey Leisure Ltd.

rey Leisure Ltd. On that application the judge concluded that there had been a failure to comply with section 16(1)

(UK)'s design. The plaintiffs alleged that they financed the pur-

chase of the tyre moulds and they

cided that the manufacture of the tyres was insufficiently profitable

and terminated their agreement

til December 2, 1993, they made in-

quiries about the disposal of the

moulds but it was not until at least

September 1996 that the plaintiffs demanded their return by which

time the moulds had been mislaid.

proceedings on the basis that the moulds were held by the defend-

-The defendants claimed that if

implied term in the bailment

they were bailees then there was

that the plaintiff would collect them within a reasonable time.

Accordingly, the defendants' du-ties as ballees had long since ex-

came to ask for the return of their

In support of that contention the delendants cited Pedrick v. Morning Star Motors Lia tutte-ported, February 14, 1979), Davis v.

Henry Birks and Sons Ltd ((1982). 142 DLR 356) and Maritime Coast-

when he gave judgment for the plaintiffs, Nigel William Mott and

paintins, rigge winiam mon and David Henry Merrett, in the sum of £20,300 for damages for the agency's unlawful seizure of the plaintiffs' Gloucester Eel Net,

bought for the purpose of fishing

Mr Geraint Jones for the agen-

LORD JUSTICE EVANS said

that the plaintiffs, both commer-

cial fishermen although not part-

ners, fishing for salmon and cels, obtained a licence in 1995 from the

Welsh Water Authority, the defend-

ant's predecessors, to fish for cels.

The plaintiffs' net was seized soon after by the defendant's bailiff

on the basis that it contravened a

1982/83 bylaw, issued by the au-

thority under statutory powers,

and it was proposed to prosecute the plaintiffs for offences contrary

to section 6(1)(a) of the Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act 1975 of

placing a fixed engine in any in-

The prosecution was withdrawn

when the defendant authority was

advised that the bylaw was invalid

and the plaintiffs claimed damages

and waters.

cy. Mr Stephen Barstow for the

for eels in the River Wye.

ants as bailees of the plaintiffs.

The plaintiffs then commenced

From the date of termination un-

with JJD (UK).

In the autumn of 1991, Avon de-

peal decision in Secretary of State for Trade and Industry v Lan-gridge [1991] Ch 402) the provisions of section 16 were not mandatory but merely directory.

Accordingly, non-compliance did not automatically render the subsequent proceedings a nullity, rather, the court had a discretion to excuse or overlook the non-compliance. The judge went on to con-clude, that in the exercise of his discretion, the proceedings should not he struck out.

His Lordship said that he re-spectfully disagreed with the judge. Section 16(1) contained no specific provision as to what the required notice was to contain, save that it was to be not less than 10 days notice of the would-be appli-cant's intention to seek a disqualification order against the recipient by the court having jurisdiction to The expression "a company"

plainly referred to the lead company or companies. In his Lordship's judgment, given the absence of any further specific stanutory requirements as to the content of the notice, to hold that in

Bailor failed to collect goods in reasonable time

al Containers Ltd v Shelburn Ma-rine Ltd (1982) 52 NSR 51).

tiffs, that the decision in Pedrick had been superseded by section 12

Goods) Act 1977.

It was submitted by the plain-

That section applied, inter alia.

where a bailor was in breach of an obligation to take delivery of the

goods. The section empowered the bailer on giving notice in the form prescribed by the Act to sell the

goods in question and account to the bailor for the proceeds of sale,

less costs of the sale.
It was the plaintiffs' contention

that the existence of that statutory provision precluded the court from

of bailment that the obligations of the bailee under it would be dis-

charged after the failure of the bail-

or to collect the goods bailed within

reasonable time of the conclusion

not accept that contention. Section

12 could not be read as a provision excluding previous existing com-

mon law rules relating to contracts

All it did was to provide a bailee with a specific power of sale of the

for unlawful seizure of their net.

His Lordship said that it was common ground that the 1982/83 bylaw was made beyond the ena-

bling powers of the 1975 Act. Cham-

pion v Maughan [[1984] 1 WLR 469] established that the offence un-

der section 6(1) was one of strict lia-bility, so that the defendant authori-

ty had no power to grant licences for eel fishing under that bylaw.

However, there was no doubt

that after the 1975 Act was amend-

ed by section 33 of the Salmon Act.

1986, the defendant had power to is-

sue a licence for a fixed engine as

authorised under bylaws: see sec-

tion 6(3) of and paragraph 21A of

Schedule 3 to the 1975 Act, as

Bylaws were passed by the Na

tional Rivers Authority, Weish Re-

gion, pursuant to standory powers. in 1990 and it was common ground

that the River Wye was within the

The judge rejected the defend-

ant's submission that no bylaws

had been passed, pursuant to sec-

tion 6(3)(c) of the 1975 Act, as amended, permitting the planniffs

to carry out the activity authorised

by the licence granted to them.

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His Lordship said that he did

of the contract.

Bylaws allow for eel-fishing licences

plying a term into the contract

notice must specify which was, or were, to be the lead company or companies in the intended proceedings would be to write into the subsection a requirement which Parliament had not thought fit to in-

His Lordship stated that given the lack of specificity in section 16(1), the right approach to the ques-tion whether a notice had or had not complied with the subsection was to consider whether, on the facts of the particular case, the respondent had received the limited protection to which the subsection may be supposed to entitle him. His Lordship concluded that Mr Keam had received that protection. Mr Collings further submitted,

that on its proper construction, the Act did not allow an applicant to nominate more than one lead company and that in naming two, the instant proceedings were inherently bad and should be struck out.

In support of that submission be pointed to the fact that in section -6(1)(b) there was a reference to "company or companies", indicating that references to "a company" in section 6(1)(a) and to "that com-

The facts of the present case illus-trated circumstances where a bail-

ee might not wish to exercise the

powers conferred by section 12 It was the defendants case that the

moulds were only worth the negli

gible sums represented by their

scrap value. Accordingly, it was

very doubtful that the proceeds of sale of the moulds would cover the

It was further contended by the

plaintiffs on the authority of Mitch-ell v Ealing London Borough Council (1979) 1 QB i), that there was a burden on the defendants to

show that they retained the mould

to be handed over to the plaintiffs

up to the time of the expiry of the implied reasonable period within which they were to be collected by

the plaintiff.
His Lordship said that he did

not accept that contention either.
Mitchell dealt with the point at

which the local authority's obliga-tions as granulous bulless of the plaintiff's furniture, with the limit-ed duties to protect it resulting

from that status was converted, by their actions, into a liability as in-

His Lordship stated that he ac-cepted the defendant's submis-

He accepted the plaintiffs' sub-

mission that bylaw 3(d) of the 1990 bylaws, relating to the placing and use of fixed engines: "Nothing in

this bylaw shall restrict the placing

and use by any person of any fixed

engine which has been licensed by

the authority for fishing for salm-

on or eels covered areas otherwise

excluded but in respect of which a

specific licence or authority was

His Lordship accepted that the

plainuffs' submissions were entire-

ly sensible, and that paragraphs (a) to (c) of bylaw 3 provided a blanket approval for the placing of

fixed engines at various locations

specifically defined, and that para-

graph (d) was intended to give the

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tice Thorpe agreed.

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authority power to issue licences in

. It was unfortunate that the latter

paragraph was drafted in the nega-

rive. Accordingly, the defendant

had express authority by bylaw 3(d) to issue licences for cel fishing

Lord Justice Otton and Lord Jus-

Solicitors: A. G. Heale & Co. Car-

Accordingly it was not authority

costs of attempting to sell them.

pany.

Mr Collings also submitted that the Court of Appeal's decision in Secretary of State for Trade and Industry v Ivens and Another (1997) 2 BCLC 334) supported the view that only one lead company was permis-

tended to refer only to a single com-

His Lordship said that he rejected that submission. It had been said many times in the authorities that the purpose of the Act was to prevent persons acting as directors who were unfit to do so.

That being so, there was no reason in principle why the applicant for a disqualification order who sought to establish unfitness in relation to more than one lead company should be obliged to limit himself to naming only one of those ing the other or others to be treated യാള അവ doing so he might be limiting his chances of obtaining an order. Nor was there anything in the Act which justified such an artifi-

cial and arbitrary result. Solicitors: Payne Hicks Beach;

and operated to relieve the defend-

ants of their obligation as bailee of

his Lordship said that it was not ap-propriate to place on the defend-

ants a burden to show that they were in a position to deliver up the

moulds at all times up to the expiry

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of that six-month period.

In the absence of any authority.

#### Before Lord Justice Otton and Mrs Justice Steel [Judgment December 21] In deciding whether it was appropriate to extend custody time limits, under section 22(3) of the Prose-

irrelevant, when considering whether the prosecution had acted with all due expedition, to take into sions that a term was implied into the contract that the owner of the account an alleged victim's illness. The Queen's Bench Divisional moulds would collect them from Court so held in allowing an appli-cation for judicial review and grantthe defendant within six months of them being available for collection. The failure to do so within that ing an order of certiorari quashing the decision of Judge Hawkins, QC, on November II, 1998, to experiod breached the implied term

tend a custody time limit until November 30, 1998, because the alleged victim was undergoing a throat operation. The prosecution had failed to

conform with orders made by Judge Michael Hyam, Recorder of London, on October 2, 1998, regarding the service of certain items on the defence within set time limits or by November 11, 1998. to expire at midnight November 12/13, 1998. On October 26, 1998 the Crown had served a notice to extend the custody time limit. The defence stated that they would not oppose the application. The application was successful.

The custody time limit was due

Ms Philipa MacAtasney for Michael John Bennett: Mr Stephen Warner for the Central Criminal Court.

LORD JUSTICE OTTON said that the judge fell into error in reaching the conclusion he did upon the basis of the reasoning he Although he had acknowledged

the necessity to consider section 22(a) of the 1985 Act separately from section 22(b) he had done exactly the opposite. He had considered subpara-

graph (b) in light of subparagraph (a) and the concession by the de-fence that there was good and sufficient cause for doing so by virtue of the indisposition of the principal

prosecution witness.

prosecution had acted with all due expedition to take into account whether there was a good and sufficient cause than for the learned judge when considering whether there was good and sufficient cause for doing so to take account of the fact whether the prosecution had or had not acted with all due

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expedition. In other words, the fact that the trial could not have gone ahead in any event because of the alleged victim's illness was an irrelevant con-sideration when deciding whether the prosecution had acted with all

due expedition.

His Lordship, in reliance on R v Manchester Crown Court, Exparte MacDonald and Others (The Times November 19, 1998) was unable to accede to Miss Ma cAtasney's second ground that there was no basis for the conclusion that the prosecution had acted with all due expedition.

Mrs Justice Steel agreed. Solicitors: Marlows, Kineston Service, Kingston upon Thames.

#### Solicitors: Stockler Charity; Norit was no more permissible Distinguishing compromise and release

merce International SA (in compulsory liquidation) v Ali and Another Before Mr Justice Lightman

Dudgment December 18]

The essential difference between a compromise and a release was that in the former there was a release of claims for valuable consideration. and in the latter there was no such consideration.

An agreement entered into by former employees in settlement of "all or any claims whether under statute, common law, or in equity arising from their previous employ ment in return for payment therefore a compromise and effective to settle claims whether the parties were aware of them or not. Furthermore no duty of disclo-

sure of wrongdoing on the part of the employer arose on such a compromise as a result of the implied term of trust and confidence in the contract of employment. Mr Justice Lightman so held in

a reserved judgment in the Chan-cery Division when, inter alia, dissing the claim of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA, by its liquidators, that agree ments contained in form COT3 of the Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service signed on July 4, 1990 by Khawaja Mohammad Naeem, Sultana Runi Khan and others, the employees, were binding comprumise agreements which precluded all claims against the bank, save for claims in respect of pension rights, including their claims for stigma damages and

In the course of the liquidation of the plaintiff bank, which became insolvent in 1991, sought to recover loans made to employees and in turn the former employees made

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counterclaims, and proved in the liquidation, for damages for breach of the employment contract. The bank contended that they were precluded from so doing by the COT3 agreement.

Miss Cherie Booth, QC, Mr Aj-mulal Hossain, QC, Mr Isaac Jacob, Mr Andrew Stafford and Mr Andrew Sharland for the employees; Mr Christopher Jeans, Miss Annie Hockaday and Mr Daniel Stilitz for the liquidators. MR JUSTICE LIGHTMAN said that the essential issue raised

was the existence and extent of any obligation of disclosure of his own breaches of the employment contract owed by an employer to his employee, and more particularly, on conclusion of a settlement of claims between them following upon the dismissal of the employ

The action proceeded on the assumed basis that there was a subsisting breach of the trust and confidence term when the agreement was signed and that the employees were unaware of the breach. Non-disclosure The employees contended that

the agreements signed by them were voidable on the ground that the bank, in breach of a duty of disclosure owed to them, failed to disclose its insolvency and that it was carrying on a dishonest business. It was the employees' contention

that, while there was no duty of disclosure on a party to a compromise, there was such a duty on the part of a party who sought to obtoin and subsequently rely on a release and that where there was an employment contract and a subsequent settlement of claims between employer and employee, the emsure by reason of the trust and confidence term implied on the part of the parties to an employment con-The first issue was whether the

agreement was to be categorised as a release or as a compromise. The bank contended that for the present purpose the critical distinc-tion was the giving of valuable consideration in return for the release: if valuable consideration was given for a release of claims, there was a compromise, but if no valuable consideration was given and the re-lease was effective notwithstanding its absence by reason of the re-lease being granted by the deed,

and not a compromise. The employees contended that there could not be a compromise unless there was a clearly identified dispute or potential dispute in the contemplation of the parties and that that pre-condition to the existence of a compromise was ab-

there was a free-standing release

sent in this case. In his Lordship's judgment, the essential difference between a compromise and a release was that in compromise there was a release of claims for valuable consideration, and in release there was no such consideration.

In this case the substance of the transaction was the settlement of all possible claims by the employees against the bank arising from their previous employment by the bank in return for payment.
The transaction in substance

and form was a compromise and effective to settle claims whether the parties were aware of them or not: see Kitchen Design and Advice Ltd v Lea Valley Water Company (1989 2 Lloyd's Rep 221). Duty of disclosure under employ meni contract

The employees contended that there had been a sea-change in em-

ployment law since the decision in Bell v Lever Bros Ltd ([1932] AC [61] culminating in the decision in Molik and Another v BCCI SA (in compulsory liquidation) (The Times July 13, 1998; [1998] AC 20).

They submitted that the wid-ened ambit given in Malik to the trust and confidence term had the effect of giving rise to a duty of dis-closure of breaches of contract by an employer where they might give rise to risks to "the physical, fifare of the employee", as described by Lord Steyn in Malik. His Lordship did not think that

recent developments supported the proposition that the ruling in Bell v Lever Bros was no longer the law. The revolutionary change suggested by the employees could not be effected by a sidewind or by any court lower than the House o

His Lordship did not think that the duty asserted by the employees was maintainable. His Lordship considered the employee's submissions on unilateral mistake and misrepresentation

and held that they had no cause of

Conclusion His Lordship accordingly dismissed the challenge made by the employees to the validity of the agreement and held that they were bound by it and that it precluded

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great sympathy for the plight of the employees and others in a like position, but they were in law bound by the bargain which they made and his Lordship was not free to release them from it.

Solicitors: Beale & Co. Loveli

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Interims: Filtronic, Haynes Publishing, Monsoon, Wintrust, Finals: Lonno. Economic statistics: none scheduled.

#### TOMORROW

interims: Astor Villa, Cassidy Brothers, Fil Group, Photo-Me In-ternational. Finals: IMS Group, London Scottish Bank, Economic statistics: CBI quarterly industri-

#### WEDNESDAY

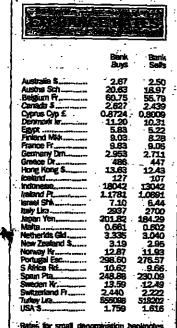
Northern Rock, Econo tics: November global, Decem-ber non-EU trade figures; fourth-

#### THURSDAY

Interims: Bryant Group, Good-head, Medisys, MISYS. Finals: Bensons Crisps, Cheming, Eco-nomic statistics: December Brit-ish Barkers' Association mort-gage lending.

#### FRIDAY

Interims: Richards. Finals: Der-by Trust, Partridge Fine Art, Sta-vert Zigomala. Economic statis-tics: Nationwide January house price survey, National Institute of Economic and Social Reso quarterly economic review.





# Northern Rock prepares to kick off season with modest increase

NORTHERN ROCK: The for mer building society kicks off the bank reporting season on Wednesday and is expected to show a modest improvement in

full-year profits — in spite of a slowdown in lending growth. The bank, which is based in Newcastle upon Tyne, is believed to have a reasonable pipeline of mortgage business for 1999, but analysts will be keen to see whether increased competition from new entrants such as Prudential's Egg and Standard Life Bank will have put pressure on Northern Rock's margins.

In 1997, the bank's net interest margin — the key measure of profitability — shrank to 1.69 from 1.92. Investors should watch

out for any further reduction. The City is expecting between E201 million and £209 million for pre-tax profits (£198 million). Earnings per share are projected at about 31p and the dividend is expected to be raised to 12p (10.5p).

LONRHO: The group returns its first year of earnings as a dedicated mining business today and its platinum business is expected to put a shine on the profits. The City, however, is looking for news on whether the company is to take full control of Lonrho Platinum. buying out Gencor's 27 per cent stake in the division.

It is expected to have made £88 million pre-tax profit, against the £101 million it made last year before the sales of Princess Hotels, Dutton Forshaw and Lonrho Sugar. Analysts are also hoping for it to sell its 33 per cent stake in Ashanti Goldfields and focus on areas where it has full control.

MISYS: The computer services group that recently lost its place in the FTSE 100 index is expected to produce a strong set of interim results on Thursday after shrug-



Rund Gullit, left. Newcastle United's coach, may wish to swap tips on strategy with fellow Tynesiders Leo Finn, centre, Northern Rock's managing director, and Adam Appleganth, executive director

banking and insurance markets. The company, which produces banks and insurance companies as well as software for the US ging off recent turmoil in its key healthcare market, is expected to

produce pre-tax profits of about E54 million (£19.2 million). Analysts also expect to be reassured about the performance of Medic, the company's healthcare software division. There have been concerns that the division will suffer because of consolidation in the US healthcare market which is seen as a "non-core" area for Misys.

MONSOON: When Monsoon

gives its interim results today all

eyes will be on its profit margins.

When it floated at 198p a share in

February last year, its sceptics

were convinced that the profit margins of 19 per cent were not

sustainable on a competitive high street. The bears have been

proved right on the shares, now a

There are no projections for the halfway stage, but it should still be on the way towards its four-

teenth successive year of higher profits. Still, Christmas trading is

expected to be dire, with underly-ing sales down at least 5 per cent.

OASIS: The retailer gives its

Christmas trading statement on

Wednesday and is expected to

have picked up on anything Mon-soon may have lost. The City is

less concerned about like-for-like

sales figures from the retailer --

mainly because it is expected to

have had fewer leftovers to flog

in the sales. This means its profit margins should hold at the 14 per

cent level, after slipping from about 18 per cent earlier.

WH SMITH: The retail group

holds its annual meeting on

Wednesday. No surprises are ex-

pected from its trading statement but shareholders may well ask ex-

actly what it plans to do with the Internet. Richard Handover,

chief executive, is becoming in-

creasingly fired up about the Web and has referred to its high

street stores as "the bricks and

The City now expects it to offer Internet access, like Dixons —

but will this be offered for free?

Has it found a telecoms company such as Energis to do all the con-

nection work? How much share-

holders' cash will be deployed?

While enchantment with

would-be internet stocks is still

dictating its share price, some

Starbucks poaches property

director from Arcadia

try within four years. It has 2,000 worldwide.

Scott Svenson, who became

head of Starbucks UK after

selling his Seattle Coffee Com-

pany for £49 million in April

last year, said: "We're now

building our team quite ag-

gressively and we want to

have completed it when we

start expanding. Tim will be

looking after the real estate

Although London is brim-

early answers may emerge.

STARBUCKS, the £3 billion

US coffee shop chain, has poached Arcadia's retail prop-

erty director to spearhead its

Tim Morris, who manages

the 1,600 stores in Arcadia's

Burton-to-Top Shop portfolio,

will join in March after work-

His job will be to scour the

United Kingdom for sites to meet Starbuck's ambitious

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# Greenspan in spotlight

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

ith most of January's main data now issued, analyses, and will now issued, analysts' thoughts will turn from the UK towards inease in international markets. Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the US Federal Reserve, will hold markets attention on Thursday with his second set-piece appearance before Congress this month. He is expected to say more on likely effects of Brazil's crisis on the US economy. His view on whether there is any mileage in Argentina's plans to abolish its peso and adopt the US dollar will also be keenly awaited. Latin American problems are also likely to dominate the world economics jam-

boree in Davos, beginning on Thursday. The chances of a swift cut in European interest rates are likely to become clearer with the publication of eurozone inflation data tomorrow. Analysts expect no monthly rise in prices, giving an annual rate of in-crease in harmonised inflation of 0.8 per cent in December, against 0.9 per cent the previous month. The December eurozone M3 money supply data, also out this week. is expected to show a slight rise in the annual rate of growth from 4.5 per cent to 4.8 per cent, still well within the European Central Bank's monitoring range.

Japan's woes will be highlighted by fig-ures due this week, with the focus on retail sales data on Wednesday. MMS International, the forecaster, expects sales to show an annual fall of 5.5 per cent in December.

The CBI industrial survey due tomorrow will indicate sentiment among UK firms. Sentiment normally edges up in the new year and analysts expect interest rate cuts also to foster a slight recovery, but the confidence measure will still point to a continuing decline in manufacturing output.

UK trade data due on Wednesday is expected to show the largest quarterly deficit since the end of the last decade.

ALASDAIR MURRAY

Svenson believes there is mas-

sive scope in Scotland and the

The 62 remaining Seattle

Coffee Company shops are in

the process of changing into

Starbucks over the next few

Although Mr Morris has

been with Arcadia since it was

part of the Burton Group, he

was not a main board director.

a team of three that looked af-

Arcadia said he was part of

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#### SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: Buy Burmah Castrol, Inn Business, Reuters, Signet, Cranswick; Sell NatWest, Blockleys, Centrica. The Sunday Telegraph: Buy PizzaExpress. Newsquest, House of Fraser, Ring, Signet: Sell Nat-West, Britannic Assurance, Johnson Fry. The Observer: Buy P&O; Hold Somerfield, Legal & General, Frost. The Express on Sunday: Buy Psion, Prestbury. The Mail on Sunday: Buy Enterprise Oil, Lasmo, Monument Oil.

# Hotel groups in legal row after casino is closed

By DOMINIC WALSH

**DAEJAN HOLDINGS** 

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An Interim Dividend of 19p per share (1998 – 19p) will be paid on 13 April 1995 to stranstruiders registered on 5 February 1999. This dividend will absorb 53,096,000 (1998 – 53,086,000).

As indicated in the Chairman's Statement in the Report and Fhernical Statements for the year to 31 March 1998 a change of policy in offering tescherical units for leating rather than sale has reduced profits from the sale of respective during the period but has allowed us to take advantage of the budgent latings market whilst retaining the benefit of the properties for the future.

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The financial information helded in this document does not comprise statebry accounts within the meaning of Section 240 of the Companies Act statebry accounts within the meaning of Section 240 of the Companies Act statebry accounts within the meaning of Section 1998, on which the 1998. The statebry accounts for the year to 31 March 1998, on which the 1998 have given an unqualited ophition, have been filed with the Register of Companies. The intention trended information is unaudited.

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come the unlikely setting for a multimillion-pound legal spat between two of the country's biggest hotel groups Thistle Hotels, the wher of -

the town's Hospitality Inn. is being sued by Stakis, which operates the casino on the ground floor, after closing the hotel down in July for structural re-gairs and a refurbishment. David Michels, Stakis chief executive, said that despite Thistle's assurances that the building was safe, he had not felt comfortable about keeping the casino open. "My board decided that if the hotel was

have initiated legal proceed-ings against Thistle." Although he declined to comment further, local sources believe Stakis received legal advice that it would be liable for any potential injuries to its casino members. The hotel is not

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MIDDLESBROUGH has be expected to reopen until the end of the year and Stakis is thought to be seeking compen-sation for loss of business, running imo millions of pounds.

Thistie admits that the Hospirality Inn has had structural problems - indeed, it led to a £6 million writedown in its halfyear results in September - but its view is that its tenant had no need to close its casino. A spokesman said: "We closed the Hospitality Inn for one reason only: because the building work would have inconvenienced customers substantially. But this building work would not have affected Stakis's operation which has a senarate access."

The closure of the casino was one of several one-off factors that dragged down the first-quarter performance of Stakis's casinos. However, hotels continued to trade well, albeit at a stightly slower growth rate than previ-ously, and its LivingWell health and fitness clubs stormed ahead.

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# EU set to approve tax that may cost 110,000 City jobs

By MARTIN WALLER

**DEFEAT** is looming in Brussels tomorrow for attempts by British MEPs to prevent the introduction of the so-called "withholding tax" which could cost as many as 110,000 City

Simon Murphy, MEP for Midlands West, has tabled a series of amendments aimed at mitigating the effects on the financial community of the tax, which requires EU nations to tax investments or savings held by other EU nationals at source.
Such a law is already in

place in France and Germany and its proponents, who include Mario Monti, the powerful Single Market Commissioner, say harmonisation across the Union is essential to fight tax evasion. But it would badly hit the eu-

robond market in London because firms would either have: to tax foreign nationals at the source of their income or keep track of their financial affairs. The European Parliaments Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee will vote on the Murphy amendments and others tomorrow before drawing up a report to go to the full Parliament for a vote, proba-

Monti: seeks harmonisation

cial centres.

want to stop tax evasion but we don't think this is the way Opponents of the tax,

which include the Corporation of London and various securities markets trade bodies, say it would result in a flight of business to New York and other trading centres that would cost thousands of jobs — according to

that several other EU members might also be prepared to exercise a veto at Council level. Luxembourg also has no withholding tax, and its MEPs have supported the British at Strasbourg.

# tommy

place a Valentine's message in the paper on Sunday February 14th 1999. In addition we will send a 50ml bottle of tommygirl (RRP \$25) or tommy (RRP 522) together with a note which reads \*Look for your message in the Sunday Times on Valentine's Day" The cost is from £35 for a minimum 3 line message and a 50ml fragrance. Please indicate whether the male or female fragrance is required by ticking the relevant box below.

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split, it is thought that a majority will reject the amendments, which would exclude income from international bonds and delay any tax until it is adopt-

ed by other important finan-Mr Murphy, Labour

spokesman on economic and indusmial affairs at Strasbourg, said he would reintroduce his amendments when the tax goes before Parliament. "We aren't going to vote for anything that will under-

Although the Committee is mine jobs and competitive-

CUNURA (a) A very hard, heavy wood grown in Central America. It has a

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(a) An aromatic soup/stew. It is characteristic of the Creole cuisine of Louisiana, and combines African, American and European elements. The name is derived from Bantu for Okra, one of the typical ingredients, prized for giving body to the dish.

(c) A boat used by Inmuits from Greenland, and later Alaska, for transport. It is called the 'woman's boar', as distinct from the Kayak, or men's hunting and fishing boat. It is made from seal or other artifual skins strung over a wooden or whalebone frame. It is covered, whereas a Kayak is open. SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

Relaunch as **BLMS** gets new chief

BLMS, the fruit machines supplier formerly known as Bass Leisure Machine Services, will today announce the appointment of a new chairman and its formal relaimen as Leisure Link Group (Dominic Walsh writes).

The company, which was bought out from Bass for £70 million last summer by Duke Street Capital, has appointed Mike Foster, the former chief executive of the controversial Inntrepreneur pub chain, as its non-executive chairman. Mr Foster, chairman of the Brewers & Licensed Retailers

Association, has been recruited by Russell Hoyle, Leisure Link's chief executive. Mr Hoyle said: "This appointment positions Leisure Link 1. Rd3! leaves White without a good reply as 2, Bxd3 Bxd3 wins as one of the key suppliers to the retail on-trade."

# Search for the best proves a fluid task

From Telewest to Scottish Power, the FTSE 100 is dominating Britain, says Jason Nissé

NAPOLEON famously said that Britain was a nation of shopkeepers. He was implying that small businesses formed the backbone of this island nation, defining the British psyche as a country of individuals, who like to work for themselves, create their own enterprises and develop them. A nation of entrepreneurs, if you will.

A cursory look at the London stock market might make one think that this has all changed. An institution developed shortly before Napoleon came to power is now dominated by a handful of increasingly powerful companies.

UK-listed groups such as BP Amoco, Glaxo Wellcome, Astra-Zeneca, Vodafone and Diageo stand among the largest companies in the world. The Stoxx list of the top 50 companies in Europe has more UK-based members (13) than members from any other country. The members of the FTSE 100 list of the UK's top companies account for more than 80 per cent of the value of the London stock market. We are increasingly becom-ing less a nation of shopkeepers than a nation of employees

That is why, just under 18 months ago, The Times started a unique analysis of the 100 leading corporations in Britain. The Corporate Profile series is aimed at getting to the heart of these giant companies that dominate our lives and our investment decisions, understanding what makes them tick, what is their "unique selling proposition", how well they deliver to the objectives that they set themselves and how they interact with other organisations and the community at large.

The board structure is analysed, as are the market's views of the companies and a rating, out of 100, looking at issues such as how well the directors are paid, how the shares have performed and whether the company has a well explained and executed

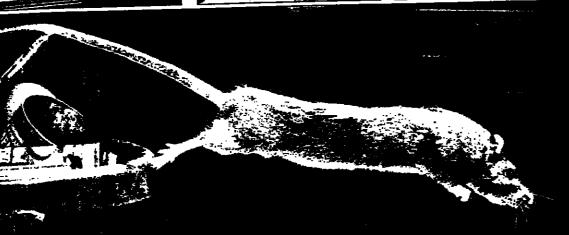
At the end of this mammoth











Making their mark: Marjorie Scardino, a Business Woman of the Year award winner, with, clockwise, from top left: lan Robinson, chief executive at Scottish Power, which came out on top; John Browne, of BP Amoco; Paul Chisholm, of COLT Telecom; and Tony Illsley, of Telewest. Rentokil Initial, the pest controller, had a low rating on ethical expression

sk, which started in October 1997 with Pearson, which was just at the start of the Marjorie Scardino revolution, there should be an answer to the question: "What is Britain's best corporation?

At the moment, the series is pretty much at its halfway stage. This might seem strange given that nearly 70 companies have been analysed, but the

FTSE 100 is a dynamic list, recalculated every three months and so changes quite dramatically. For example, Sema Group, profiled in November, no longer merits its place in the FTSE 100, thanks to the decline in the value of the company. (Our analysis of Sema was quite dismissive, questioning whether its corporate structure under Pierre Bonelli was open enough and wondering where growth would be coming from for the computer systems company.) Other well-known companies to lose their FTSE status in recent months have included Nycomed Amersham and British Land, while the likes of COLT Telecom (which was valued at only £500 million when this series started and now is worth more than £7 billion),

Telewest and WPP have all risen from the ranks to take their place at the market's top table. Then there has been corporate activity. There will always be bids and deals, but the past few years have seen some of the most heetic dealmaking in Brit-

ish history. There are many rea-

sons for this. Europe and the

US have entered an era of low

inflation and low growth, while

the previously exciting Far East-ern market has fallen apart, so taking away a large amount of the growth potential for European companies. At the same time a low oil price has led to a radical restructuring of that industry, while growing consolidation among fund managers and their increasing reliance

on index tracking rather than

active management has seen a

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investment decisions. How has this manifested itself? Well, BP was just BP

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when it was profiled last June -now it has merged with Amoco. Commercial Union was independent when it appeared in December 1997, now it has merged with General Accident. However, the most obvious example is BAT Industries.

When it was analysed on December 15, 1997, it was a large. unwieldy tobacco and insurance conglomerate. We predicted that plans to demerge the company might enhance what had been a pretty poor share performance. How right this proved. The financial services side broke away and merged with Zurich Reinsurance,

prompting a dramatic rerating of the company that nearly do rette business has also thrived. striking a deal earlier this month to merge with Rothmans and create the world's second-largest tobacco group.
So, of the companies pro-

filed, which came out well and which badly? On the simple mathematical verdict, the best and worst are clear. Scottish Power - which was then, irritatingly, called ScottishPower - stands head and shoulders above everyone else with a score of 81%, thanks to a ten out of ten for its pay policy and nines for strength of brand and innovation. At the time we. praised its ability to size up situations and act quickly, something shown when it moved to buy PacifiCorp, the US utility.

Surprisingly, perhaps, Shell and British Land also obtained high ratings. They showed that clear and well defined policies on remuneration can differentiate a company operating in difficult markets. Rentokil initial might ponder this, its low rating being partially because of a two for ethical expression.

And at the bottom? There is a dear loser - Telewest Communication. It arrived in the FTSE 100 thanks to its deal to acquire General Cable and so make it, by a short head, the largest cable TV company in the UK. Our analysis pointed out its capacity to disappoint, to fail to exploit the market opportunities and, with a mere one out of ten for ethical expression, its fail-ure to define clearly what is expected of its employees. To be fair to Telewest, though, it had been through a lot of turmoil and its latest chief executive. Tony Hisley, had yet to get to grips with the company.

Given that the next lowest score was for BAT Industries. it is clear that companies can redeem themselves by swift and decisive action.

in the next few weeks some of the best-performing companies on the stock market will be profiled, such as Kingfisher. one of the few retailers to rise above the Christmas gloom. for the telecom revolution.

# BP Amoco and Shell aim to wrongfoot the greens

Carl Mortished reports on pragmatic moves by two leading oil companies to maintain growth while disarming environmental campaigners

judge in Anchorage. Alaska, will be asked tomorrow to stop BP Amoco from building an ice road six miles into the Arctic Ocean. the first stage in the oil company's development of the

Northstar oilfield. It is a large project involv-ing the creation of an island in the Beaufort Sea and the oil industry's old adversary. Greenpeace, is trying to stop the development as part of its campaign against fossil fuels. thought to be a cause of glo-

bal warming. This week Greenpeace ininated a legal manoeuvre in the Alaskan courts, asking for a "stay" of the roadworks, claiming that BP lacked the

necessary permits. The legal dispute is highly technical, based on the interpretation of

Not surprisingly, the oil company is dismissive of

the scope of BP's existing

Greenpeace's tactics. Greenpeace is fighting an uphill struggle in Alaska where its views are not popular. The col-lapse in the oil price is hurting the State's main industry and the Governor, with the help of big brother oil, is urging the federal Government to open a major wildlife refe to development. Today BP will announce a round of redundancies in Alaska - not a good time to be fighting a battle to stop investment. You might think that a cri-

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sis in the global energy indus-try would be a boon for Greenpeace and its campaign on dimate change. An oil glut is a useful argument to persuade the public that current investment in fossil fuels is already

Unfortunately for Green-peace, it is finding the going tough. A campaign last summer against oil exploration West of Shetlands failed to generate much publicity and membership is in decline. From a peak of 4.8 million worldwide in 1991, Greenpeace International lost almost two million supporters in five years. And in the year to January 1998 membership plunged a further 14 per cent from 2.9 million to 2.5 million. Weariness of the Greenpeace shock tactics may be setting in but the real problem is that the enemy has stolen its

Rodney Chase, deputy chief executive of BP Amoco, the monster accused of despoiling the Alaskan wilderness, was recently heard addressing the Fabian Society in London. He conceded that a tax on carbon emissions might be a necessary and effective tool for the Government if it was to achieve the targets that it agreed at the Kyoto summit on climate change.

Greenpeace campaigners regard this sort of rhetoric as a cynical publicity stunt. Melanie Duchin, the organisation's spokesman in An-chorage said: Their activities up here make that hard to swallow. BP has shown time and again that it will do just anything to open up new oil

ntil recently. Today, oil companies round the world are cutting back their exploration, not for the sake of wildlife but because it makes little economic sense to pump oil at a cost of \$12 per barrel when the market price is \$11. An industry crisis tends to concentrate minds and no surprise, then, to find that BP's approach to environmen tal issues is highly pragmatic. Mr Chase puts it simply: "If our industry is judged as too damaging to the environment, it will go out of business."

When you are Britain's largest company, going out of business is not an option and Mr Chase is impatient with those who seek a U-turn. "I cannot debate with people who say get rid of hydrocarbons and invest in solar. We are trying as hard as we can with solar. We are building a business but you cannot wave a wand and get there." BP's strategy was all about

getting there before the politi-

cians are hijacked by the

green lobby and introduce vicious new taxes. They desperately want to be the solu-tion, not the problem. In addition to seed capital in a solar cell business, the company has been developing an inter-nal carbon emissions trading network, in an attempt to build a system that can be offered to the Government as a

However, the oil company's efforts at developing emissions trading received a setback when Lord Marshall of Knightsbridge's report into methods of reducing carbon emissions rejected the proposed trading permits as too complex a system. The report favoured taxes. Undeterred, Mr Chase

workable model.

upped the ante by announcing that BP was in favour of tax, but only the right sort of tax. Taxes on petrol have done little to curb consumption and much to boost inflation. BP

Greenpeace activists confront a seismic testing vessel in the Beaufort Sea, off Alaska, where BP Amoco plans an ice road ideas and working them to wants the Government to set verifiable emission targets, your advantage is a strategy that has worked well for the with incentives (tax breaks) for meeting them or penalties for failing to comply. "I per-sonally believe positive motivation works better but it



Government. But for BP the stakes are much higher. Unlike the Labour Government. BP is playing a long-term game, a couple of Parlia-ments is the development could be done with penalties." Stealing your opponent's cycle of just one medium-sized oilfield. As Mr Chase puts its: "Anyone who thinks you can operate at the froth

> bate is stupid." The oil companies are fighting for their right to be growth industries — if they fail to address the climate. challenge and find solutions, they will survive but decline into duli utilities, selling yesterday's product:

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BP's approach is endorsed by Shell, but the vast bulk of the oil industry, mainly American, is pouring millions of pounds into a campaign ag-

of the Earth reckon that the gap is widening between the BP/Shell camp and the rest, represented by the Global Cli-mate Coalition, with core backing from Exxon. A spokesman from Friends

of the Earth reckons that BP is not selling greenwash. "It is important because it is a signal, to suggest that some form of carbon tax is inevitable." The battle has only just begun and the \$10 price of oil, painful as it is for the Exxons of this world, gives consum-ers little incentive to support

alternatives. But a glut of oil, prices at uneconomic levels and weak demand from the consumer has caused some industry executives to wonder about the long-term future of the oil industry. As Friends of the Earth sees it: "These are canny business people They want to stay one step ahead of

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# n the face of it you wouldn't think that current events in Argentina If you can beat them, why join them?

could have much bearing on the key economic issue facing Britain, but they do. For several years, Argentina has maintained a rigid link between the peso and the dollar but now she is considering abandoning her currency altogether and simply adopting the dollar - so-called "dollarisation". At a stroke, the peso would disappear. There would be no exchange rate and no Argentine monetary policy.

All prices would be in dollars and dollars would be held in wallets and purses. From a monetary standpoint, Argentina would be-come part of the United States. Now do you see? Argentina is con-

do if she joined the euro. In fact, hers would be an even bolder step. For the countries of curoland pool their monetary sovereignty. Argentina would simply surrender hers. The difference lies in the fact that the countries of euroland have a say in monetary policy, and the European Central

sidering doing what Britain would

pursuit of their collective interests. Moreover, they share in the profits accruing from the issue of euro notes and coins. Argentina would enjoy neither of these advantages.

So why should she even consider such a step? Over the past 30 years the world has operated with a wide variety of different currency regimes. But in modern conditions of vast international capital movements, the choice seems to be collapsing to the two extremes - absohately fixed exchange rates or floar-ing ones. The myriad variations in between, such as adjustable pegs, crawing pegs, ERMs, and the like, are easily swept away in a forrent of market speculation.

The exchange rate system that Argentina currently uses is the currency board, which is about the closest you can get to absolute rigidity of exchange rates, without

quite having it. Under this system, which is also operative in Hong Kong, a country gives up all inde-pendent monetary policy. Its ability to issue notes is precisely limited by changes in its foreign currency

Compared with completely abandoning the domestic currency altogether, this has two economic advantages. First, the currency board makes a profit. Whereas the notes it issues carry no interest and are virtually costless to print, it earns interest on the foreign currency deposits and securities that it holds as re-serves. Second, because the national currency still exists, the government retains the power to break the apparently fixed relationship, by

either devaluing or floating.

But here is the supreme irony. If
the market believes that a country may use that flexibility, then it will



This is Argentina's predicament. Despite the fact that it has stuck faithfully to the currency board system, because of its history the markets are still suspicious. Accordingly, interest rates have to be higher, even though pesos are freely interchangeable with dollars at

What to do? There is an argument for taking this nasty medicine and suffering, thereby demonstrating commitment to the markets in the hope that the interest rate premium that they demand will eventually fall. That is the

route taken by Hong Kong. Another option is simply to float the currency. That is the choice recently made by Brazil. But the danger for countries like Brazil and Argentina, with their histories of very high inflation and weak currencies, is that people simply take the float as a signal that, as in the past, the internal and external value of the currency are set to chase each other downwards. As a result, there is a severe risk of lapsing into hyperinflation. That is why the third option of giving up the national currency altogether deserves serious consideration.

What presents Argentina and

Brazil with this awkward choice has important lessons for Britain. It is the history of their own monetary incompetence and the markets' suspicions that they may return to their bad old ways. Britain is in a very different situation. Long-term interest rates tell the sto-

ry. Far from imposing a premium on Britain, the markets are close to accepting a discount True. British ten-year yields are about half a point higher than their German or French equivalents, (although they US equivalents). But once our short-term interest rates have con-verged on the euroland level, then our ten-year rates may well be lower than the rates ruling in euroland, indeed, this is already true for 30-year bonds, where British rates are almost half a point below their euro equivalents.

According to the Europhiles, the

convergence of British rates upon their curo equivalents is explained by the dominance of the view that we will eventually join the single currency. But there is another explanation. The system of an inflation target and an independent MPC has operated successfully. By contrast, the arrangements for the ECB look seriously flawed. At best, they are completely untested. We simply do not know how the institutional relationships governing the euro will hold up in the teeth of the difficult circumstances that look increasingly likely for the years ahead.

If Argentina gives up the peso, she would be giving up a legacy of monetary failure, and a rating that reflects that, in favour of the mone tary competence and international rating of the Federal Reserve, tried and tested over many years. By contrast, if we were soon to join the euro, we would be giving up a monctary regime that is actually rated highly by the markets in favour of something which, for all the hype and windy rhetoric, is still a pig in

# Ministers disagree over Elbn air traffic sell-off

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, AVIATION CORRESPONDENT

A DISPUTE has broken out between John Prescott and Gordon Brown over plans for a El billion sale of the air traific control service.

The Chancellor is under pressure from the Deputy Prime Minister to delay the sale by up to two years to ensure that taxpayers obtain the best value from the disposal. Mr Brown is understood to be anxious to stage the sell-off

next year, but he has been told that doubts over a new £475 million air traffic control centre are likely to reduce the value of the sale, possibly by half. Mr Prescott fears that longruming problems over the new centre are likely to cut the

among potential investors. Whitehall officials suggest that delaying the sale until after the next general election, probably in 2002, would ensure a better price, coinciding with the expected opening of the new computerised centre. at Swanwick, Hampshire.

sale price because of doubts

The Swanwick headquar-ters, originally scheduled to open in 1996, will house the world's most advanced computherised air traffic control sys-tem, but it has been beset by technical problems, which

have caused a string of delays The sale of 51 per cent of the air traffic service, which handies L6 million flights a year over Britain, is the higgest sell-off proposed by ministers. However, there are fears in the City and Whitehall that investors will not bid for the service unless given cast-iron assurances that the new centre will operate smoothly, and that taxpayers will pick up

Mr Prescott's worries about market value are particularly acute because Mr Brown has agreed that sale proceeds will be earmarked for transport and investments, asset man-

projects. Mr Prescott is said to be alarmed by the risk of a "dud" sale hitting his trans-port plans. His fears follow National Audit Office criticism of the transport department for costing taxpayers up to £1.5 billion in the Conservative Government's rushed sale of Railtrack

The Institute of Actuaries says that ministers must give details of risks attached to the new centre if taxpayers are to get "value for money". Chris Lewin, chairman of its corporate finance committee, said: -There is a lot of information about certain risks of the new centre, but it is not very clear how much of those risks would impact on shareholders. It is unreasonable to exburden of problems caused by the public sector."

Ministers plan to publish a draft Bill within months to permit a self-off, but John Reid, Transport Minister, has suggested that the sale could be delayed by two years to get "a bet-ter value on the stock market". The Civil Aviation Authority

wants a swift partial sale be cause, it says. £100 million ayear needs to be invested in air traffic control.



John Prescott fears "dud" sale of air traffic control service

# Scottish Equitable rises

By Chris Ayres

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE, the Edinburgh pensions and investment company, yesterday said that it had enjoyed a ZI per cent rise in new premiums to £2.1 billion during 1998. The results came as the company started its restructuring into three divisions: pensions

holdings. The restructured company will trade under the name of Aegon UK. Total annualised premiums

income rose-19 per cent to £373 million, and new annual premiums rose 11 per cent to £179 million. New single premiums rose 28 per cent to £1.9 billion. David Henderson, Scottish Equitable's chief executive,

said: "Significant growth from the raised platform we set ourselves from last year was always going to be a challenge and I am delighted with the results." He added that the company's pensions business had continued to deliver outstanding growth. "I am still very bullish on the prospects for further growth through this route," he said.

# **British** Steel seeks action on dumped imports

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITISH STEEL will this week step up pressure on the Government over cheap steel imports flooding into the UK. It will warn MPs that dump-ing of underpriced steel by countries such as Bulgaria, In-dia, South Africa and Taiwan

is jeopardising British jobs.
The company is already cutting up to 12,000 jobs to try to
make its steel more competitive as it attempts to combat sterling's strength and fallout from Asia's economic crisis. Its call for action comes after a protest about steel imports to he Department of Trade and Industry by 28 local authorities representing steel prod-

The European Commission has begun anti-dumping investigations. British Steel has urged the DTI to put pressure on the Commission. British Steel will also tell MPs that a carbon energy tax would imperil its competitiveness and threaten jobs. It will say that its position is further threatened because four of its main competitors - steel producers in China. Brazil. India and South Korea - are outside the Kyoto agreement on greenhouse gas reductions.

City analysts last week began raising estimates of Brit-ish Steel's losses. The group is expected to be in the red by as much as £200 million for its year to March after being battered by sterling's strength and falling steel prices in Europe. However, prices are thought to have flattened now. More details on job losses are expected soon from Avesta-Sheffield, the troubled stainless steel plant in which British Steel has a majority stake.

# Insurer pens policy to cover songwriters

LLOYD-WEBBER may not have to worry about legal actions over the author-ship of his work any more. A specialist British insurance company, Robertson Taylor, has launched a new policy for famous songwriters who fear being sued for plagiarism.

The policy, brought out to co-incide with the opening of the music industry's annual Midem exhibition in Cannes, is designed to cover the backcatalogues of well known songwriters against a rapidly ris-ing number of plagiarism

The increase in litigation has been blamed partly on modern musical methods such as "sampling", where clips from old records are cut together to create new songs. Many record companies refuse to take any responsibility for plagiarism, leaving individual songwriters to fight their own cases.

The launch of the policy follows complaints by some of Britain's leading songwriters



Sting: claims law is abused

- including Sir Tim Rice, Sir Elton John. Sting, Phil Collins and Mick Jagger - that the right to legal defence for the theft of a piece of music is be-

They claim that famous songwriters often settle even ludicrous claims because of the enormous costs involved in fighting a legal battle. The most recent case came when a virtually unknown American Lord Lloyd-Webber of basing the theme to Phantom of the Opera on his 1978 song, Till You. Although Lord Lloyd-Webber successfully defended the action, the eight-year case cost him an estimated £1.4 mil-lion in legal fees.

Artists ranging from Garth Brooks, the country star, to Massive Attack, the ultratrendy dance group, have also recently faced plagiarism claims. John Silcock, managing director of Robertson Taylor, said: "We've had a lot of interest in this policy already, and to my knowledge it's the first of its kind." He added that the policy

had been devised with the help of Peter Oxendale, a leading musicologist. However, Mr Silcock said his company would not carry out its own checks for plagiarism on a songwriter's back catalogue before selling a policy. He refused to name interested clients. "A clause of the policy is that the existence of the policy

# **Businesses lift spending** on arts to £115m a year

BRITISH businesses spent more than El15 million on sponsorship and other partnerships with arts organisation in the year to last September, fig-

ures released today will show. The spending is up by nearly £20 million on the previous year's figures and represents a 24 per cent leap in corporate sponsorship of arts events. such as the Monet exhibition now on at the Royal Academy

Figures released by the Asso-

ciation for Business Sponsor-

with backing from Ernst & Young, the accountancy firm.

ship of the Arts (ABSA) in its annual report show that corporate activity is rising in

almost all areas of the arts. Corporate sponsorship rose from £51.3 million to £63.4 million, with BT, Orange and Ernst & Young among firms leading the way. Sponsorship of capital projects, such as EDS's backing of the Lowry Centre in Manchester rose from £16.9 million to £19.4 million. Much of this rise has been through projects begun in tandem with National Lottery Heritage Fund grants.

Corporate donations also rose sharply, from £6 million to £9

London continues to win the lion's share of money coming from corporations, receiving a total of £48.8 million. In second place, and far behind, was Scotland, with £11.3 million.

Colin Tweedy, chief executive of the ABSA, said: "Despite the threat of recession. the corporate sector is continuing to recognise that the arts are relevant to business."

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# Monet makes the world The fascism in farming go round for galleries

Kimberly McDonald reports on the growing commercial

exploitation of artistic licensing

unprecedented throng of visitors descended upon the Royal Academy last week for the opening of its Monet exhibition and the chance to to bask in the vitality of Impressionist paintings, to savour the fusion of light in Monet's water liky pictures and, of course, to buy a nifty Monet refrigerator magnet for £2.95.

For museums, merchandising has become big business. While the art purists dine on the aesthetic feast that is Monet, the tills at the Academy ring merrily from sales of everything from beginner paint sets for children to jewellery and ceramics. But the need to generate revenues outside the building has spawned a growing interest in art licensing. After all. who could have guessed that the Royal couple Victoria and Albert could end up alongside Coca-Cola as a lucrative and exploitable brand name? Or that John Lennon's whimsical drawings of animals and celestial objects would grace baby's bottoms around the world?

What was once considered a déclassé function that diluted cultural value is increasingly being seen as a vital part of how ariists across the globe and Britain's public museums make up for diminishing funding.

Keeping London's museums and art galleries going costs the taxpayer approaching £200 million a year. The Victoria & Albert museum, by general con-sent the world's finest display of decorative art and design, has been allocated some E29 million for the current tax year but is losing about £1 million a year in government funding. The British Museum gets £33 million and the Science Museum £20 million. The Royal Academy is hoping that Monet mania will clear its £500,000 debts. All are under pressure to find alternative funds.

Last year V&A Enterprises. the museum's trading arm, handed over £950,000 in profits to the museum, a 25 per cent rise. on the previous year. Its income from licensing ventures rose 87

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per cent. Those sorts of numbers are hard to ignore. And as goverriment funding continues to dwindle, most industry executives admit that further commercialisation is inevitable. "Even if you wanted to turn back time to the days when museums were only about the artistic experience, you'd be living a pipe dream," said Michael Cass,

president of V&A Enterprises. At present V&A, the most aggressive in its commercial pursuits, has some 97 licensees. Nearly half are in North America but they span 17 other countries. In Britain the V&A label has attracted companies such as Colefax and Fowler (furnishings), Dorma (bedlinen), Coats Viyella (clothing), Ryalux (car-pets) and Fired Earth (paints).

ast year, Marks & Spencer promoted the V&A name in preference to its own ubiquitous St Michael for the first time on a range of lingerie, nighties and toiletries. Others to try commercial pursuits include the National Trust, in interior decoration. the Tate and Pret A Manger, collaborating on the Cézannewich, and the British Museum with its Heathrow shop.

Britain's move picks up on a trend that has been gathering steam in America for several years. US art licensing revenues rose 3 per cent last year to \$5.4 billion (about £3.2 billion).

William Carter, the 134-yearold manufacturer of baby apparel, now owned by Investcorp, recently paid an undisclosed amount for permission to use Lennon's drawings on its pastel-toned pyjamas, bedding, wallpaper, and other products for newborns to six-year-olds. Lennon is said to have come up with the drawings to help to teach his son. Sean, to read.

With corporate brands responsible for the single biggest egment of licensing, American museum executives expect more collaborations between cornorations and artists.

Other estates to profit from



Revenue is rising from commercial spin-offs during events such as the Monet exhibition

Jimi Hendrix, Pablo Picasso and Andy Warhol. The art winds up on neckties, coffee cups and T-shirts among other

museum's brand or objects in the process. These days, acknowledging the extent to which culture has been commodified almost inevitably leads to a discussion about "dumbing down". It is said to undermine expectations of cultural activities and subvert the quality of

Now that debate has included the notion that licensing can be tastefully done if museums are selective in the types of products to which they lend their name. The way in which the original work is interpreted in a get the mix right so as to create

an aura of quality," said Cass. "Licensing has gained a cer-tain amount of legitimacy. away from what artists thought of as a schlocky sort of mercenary, low-rent usage of art, toward becoming part of a life style," said Martin Brochstein, executive editor of The Licensing Letter, an industry newsletter in the US.

And while Picasso T-shirt and mug-mania continues its upward trajectory in the US. museum executives remain convinced that the British ethos will not allow the commercialisation of art to reach the same level here. "What's going on in America is regarded as a bit tacky," said Andrew Morris, managing director of the Business Design Centre. "There's still a strong belief in Britain that originality should be preserved and cherished and not demeaned." "The mass merchandising in

the US is more extreme because there is less government support of the arts and culturally there are fewer inhibitions about commercial exploitation. We still have a bit more reserve in the matter." said Cass.

ritons' voracious appetite for pure, unadulterated art was proved this week by the response to the Monet in the 20th Century exhibition. The Royal Academy said it had pre-sold a record 157,000 timed-tickets, in an effort to control crowds once the exhibition is open to the public, at a record £9.

Though some art institutions are showing a willingness to dabble in the commercial world, no individual British artist has touched that ground. But even art purists will not rule out the possibility. "I certainly couldn't say it would never happen, especially given the Americanisation of the UK," said Morris.

In America, artists came to regard licensing in a less negative light in part because museums helped to fuel an industry of posters, greeting cards and other take-home products generated by retrospectives and other shows of important art the very same thing that is happening now in Britain.

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#### Raising the Roof

Your walls seem wet, you call in a company to look at them and it tells you that you have rising damp requiring expensive treatment. But according to this latest investigation into the housing business, such firms are either speaking in ignorance or touting for unnecessary work. According to Mike-Parrett, a surveyor with a London council, damp is more likely to be caused by blocked drains or water mains. Over ten years Parrett has tested more than 1,000 properties and says that he has not found a single true case of rising damp. Another expert says blantly that rising damp is a myth. But tell that to the trade. Ten companies, including household names, are called to a house with damp walls, but nothing more, and asked their advice. Nine claim to find rising damp and they quote up to £6,000 for putting it right. Your walls seem wet, you call in a company to look they quote up to £6,000 for putting it right.

#### BBC1, 8.30pm

Having recently labelled this sitcom as gentle and maying recently tanened this smooth as gettie and inoffensive, we must apply a touch of revisionism. For tonight's episode is about sex. Admittedly it exists more in the mind of Kevin McNally's twitchy Alan than in the reality, but this does not prevent it being discussed with an openness that some may feel excessive before the nine o'clock

Oliver Walston meets Helen Browning, an organic farmer (BBC2, 7.30pm)

watershed. Or perhaps this is being too stuffy and, explicit or not. Andrew Marshall's script takes a simple conic premise and develops it splendidly. Alan's paranoia is fed on two fronts. He is convinced that Dad (George Cole) is secretly carrying on with a widow and he is aghast to discover that son Vincent (Toby-Ross Bryant) has brought not one but two girls home for the night. An extension of the loke is that while Alan is quick An extension of the joke is that while Alan is quick to see sexual excess in others, his own performance in that department is decidedly lacking.

Channel 4:900pm After exploring most of the other causes of shipping disasters. Mayday concludes by looking at those that can be attributed to faults in design. It is the cue for recalling arrange others, the fate of the Dona Paz, a passenger ferry which sank off the Philippines with the loss of more than 5,000 lives, and, more familiar to British, viewers, the Herald and, more familiar to British viewers, the Herald of Free Enterprise tragedy. Passenger ferries, it is suggested, are unusually accident prone because of their vulnerability to sudden capsizing once water enters the car deck. The programme also considers the design hazards of bulk carriers, of which an alarming 45 have broken up or sunk in the past seven years. The first-hand testimony of survivors forms a potenant adment in the dispassionate. forms a poignant adjunct to the dispassionate inquiries of the safety experts. Peter Waymark

Our present preoccupation with the first way, the

second way and Tony Blair's Third Way only re-inferces the fact that most of the thinking that

permeans the broadcast media is essentially part of the mainstream there is little room for real

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variety. In tonight's Postscript Tony Benn intro-duces extracts from the political memons of William Morris, whose socialist belief was exemp-lified in his radical designs for house decoration and furniture: he believed that the talents of the individual craftsman had been suppressed by the

Victorian emphasis on mass production and capitalism. As these writings show, Morris was about a lot more than wallpaper. Peter Baruard.

Postscript: Dissenting Voices

Radio 3, 9.10pm

Afternoon Play: Dead Men Tell No Tales Radio 4, 2:15pm

The title of this Afternoon Play is fronic, as we learn early on: "I died on August 3 some 50 years ago in a cramped room in a fornished lodging house..." The words are those of Olivier Becaille (Michael Maloney), who is featured in the central story in this clever and enjoyable welding, by Kelvin Segger, of three Emile Zola stories into one play. The themes are death and obsession and Becaille's story, in particular, finds an echo in all our nightmares: taken ill in Paris, he awakes to hear people planning his funeral. He can neither move nor speak so he is helpless to intervene when the coffin lid is nailed down above him. The other two stories star Robin Bowerman, Summy Ormonde and Terry Molloy.

#### RADIO 1 (BBC)

6.30em Zoe Beil 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00pm, Kevin Greening 2.00 Mark Raddiffe 4.00 Chris Moyles 5.45 Newsbeel 6.00 Citive Watten. Medley of hits 6.00 Lamacq Live 12.00ms. The

#### RADIO 2 (BBC)

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5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 Breakfast 9.00 Nicky Campbal.
12.00pm The Midday News 1.00 Ruscoe and Co 4.00 Drive
7.00 News Edna 7.30 Football Legends, Gordon Banks 6.00
Trevor Brooking's Monday Match. Otherd United v Chelses
10.00 Late Night Live. Round-up of the day's sporting news
with Nick Robinson 1.00am Up All Night. Gary Robertson with
news from around the world and a preview of the day's papers

# 6.30am Denny Baker 9.30 Russ Williams 1.00pm Nick Abbot 4.00 Herriet Scott 6.45 Peter and Geoff (FM: London Calling) 10.00 Mark Forrest 1.00am Steve Power 4.38 Richard Allen

TALK RADIO

6.00mm Big Boys Breekfast with David Benks and Nick Ferrat. 9.00 Scott Chisholm 1.00pm Anna Resbum 3.00 Peter Degley's Drivetime 5.00 The SportZone 8.00 James Whate

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# CLASSIC FM

6.00emt Basier Breaklast, Favorate musical works, plus requisit information updates \$1.00 Henry Kelly. The Hall of Ferme Hour and Report of the Week 12.00pm Lunchtime Requests. Jane Jones presents Islaners' tevourités 2.00 Concerto. Hummet: Trampet Concerto in G. minor 3.00 Janie Crick. Continuous Classics and Afternoon Romance 6.30 Newsnight. John Brunking presents like latest stories 7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven. Two hours of spotting sounds 9.00 Evening Concert D'effect Plano Concerto No 1 in B mindr. First: Suite, Dow's Lebour Lost. Tchallowelly: Exancesce da Rimiki 11.00 Mann at Night. Wind down with the sound of ambient music 2.00ems Concerts. Hummet: Trampet Concerto in G. minor (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths. The Early Breakfast Show

6.00am On Alr with Petroc Trelawny. Music includes works by Dvorák and Debussy, plus Mozart (Quinter in E flat, K452 for plano and wind).

9.00 Masterworks With Peter Hobday, Schubert (Piano Sonala in E, D157; Redu Lupu); Cannabloh (Symphony No 63 in D. Lukes Consort/Alkor Lukes); Schubert (Piano Sonala in C; K279); Seint-Seäns (Cello Concerto No 1 in A minor).

10.30 Artist of the Weeks, Japanese violinist Midori.

11.00 Sound Stories The execution of Charles I.

2.00am Composer of the Weeks John Tavemer. 12.00pm Composer of the Week: John Tavener
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1.00 The Redio 3 Lunchtime Concert Live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Grigory Solodov plays early English keyboard music including Byrd (Pavan and Galfiard in D minor) (Almeri in D minor); Beethoven (Plano Sonata in C, Op 2 No 3).

2.00 The BBC Orchastras National Orchastra of Wates under Thomas Dausgeard and Tadaeld Otale. Liszt (Les protudes): Eiger (Callo Concerto in E minor); Debussy (La mei): Brahms (Symptony No 1 in C minor)
4.00 Opera in Action French operatic repertoire 4.45 Music Machine Music and Wood 5.00 in Tune Sean Rafferty explores the musical dynamic behind the play 2 Planos, 4 Hands

7.30 Performance on 3 (Sounding the Century) BBC Philhamonic under Yan Pascal Tortelier. Peter Donohoe and Mettin Rosone (plance).

BBC Philharmonic Under Yan Pascal Tortelier,
Peter Donotoe and Mertin Roscos (planes),
Janice Walson (soprano). Poulenc (Suite "Les
biches"), Concento for two plenos
9.10 Postacript Tory Benn presents excerpts from the
essays of William Monts, See Choice
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against the 19th-century Romantic tradition. Lisa
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Burnside (plano). Sarlar (Troise poemes d'arrour);
Chabrier (Pastorale des cochons roses); Milhaud
(Catelogue des fleurs).
10.45 Mibring it Harry Partch, the American composer,
theorist and creator of musical instruments
11.30 Jazz Notes Alyn Shipton meets Berny Golson
and talks to him about his work with Tedd
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# RADIO 4

5.90am World News 5.35 Shipping Forecast 5.40 Inshore Forecast: 5.45 Prayer for the Day 5.47 Farming Today Presented by Charlotte Smith 6.00 Today With James Neugrille and Sue McGrego 5.47 Farming Today Presented by Charlotte Smith 8.00 Today With James Naughite and Sue McGrago. 9.00 Start the Week Hoskied by Jerterny Pasman. 9.45 (FM) Sertei: The Victorian Internet Tom Standage's history of the electric telegraph (1/5) 9.45 (LW) Daily Service From the Chapel of Unity, Beltast Methodist College. 10.00 Woman's Hour With Martia Keamey and guests. Drama: Inner Voices, written and performed by Filkie Beadle Blair. 11.00 Great Expectations Sing midwile Alice Cove's experiences of strending home births in the Western Isles of Scotland. Birthrights and Biespers (2/3) (f). 11.30 Bangless and Mash Cornedy series by Katie Hans. With health inspectors close down Jammy's sausage-and-pie business? Gerard McDemott. Roger May and Catherine Harvey star (3/6). 12.00 (LW) News. 10.00 The World at One News round-up, with Nick Clarice.

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1.30 Counterpoint Fifth heat of the music quiz, hosted by Ned Sherm

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2.00 The Archers Bran tastes victory (r)
2.15 Afternoon Play: Dead Men Tell No Tales Kehin
Segger's adaptation of three tales about death by
Emile Zola. Staming Normen Bird, Michael
Maloney and Shuan Rodger. See Choice
3.00 Money Box Live: 0870 010 0444 News from the
world of personal finance.
3.30 The Valle Tony Robinson reports on an animal
rescue centre's efforts to protect a family of loves
endangered by a building site (5/8) (r)

3.45 This Sceptred lale Anna Massay narrates cart 18 of the history of Britain, recounting the struggle between Church and State. The Law, the Church

octives and State. The Law, the Church and State. The Law, the Church and the Control Trage (f) = 4.00 The Food Programme Derek Cooper meets British's oldest producer of cider vinegar (f) 4.30 Turning World Jenni Murray and guests look at human interest stories from ground the world 5.00 PM With Clare English and Nigel Wrench 6.60 Stx O'Clock News.

6.30 Just a Minute Clement Freud, Paul Merton, Tony Hawks and Peter Jones by to speak without hesitation, repetition or deviation at London's Radio Theatre. Presented by Nicholas Parsons 7.00 The Archers Eddie has a nose for trouble

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8.00 Hope in Ottahome John Hope Franklin revisits his birthpace, the all-black town of Benbesville 8.30 in Business Peter Day on the oil inclustry 9.00 Nature Starlings
9.30 Start the Week (r) 10.00 The World Tonight 10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Sound of Trumpets Rik Mayall reads the first part of John Mortimer's novel about a new Labour candidate contesting a

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11.00 Radio 4 Appeal Melvyn Bragg appeals on behalf of the National Library for the Blind (f)

11.02 Late Night on 4: Especialr Street By lain Ganks: Weird leets guilty about his wealth. With Paul Gambacciri and John Gardon-Siriciai (3/4) (f)

11.30 (FM) At the Foot of the Mountain Musical recollections from a top performer or composer (f)

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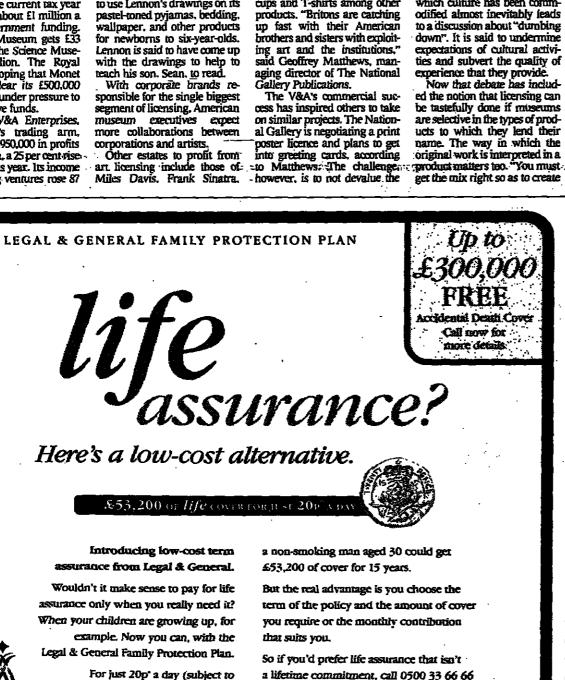
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# Absurd plot but ideas developed nicely

critic with serious reserva-tions about Stephen Poliakoif's Shooting The Past (BBC2). which statemed its way to some sort of resolution last night. But I confess I was a little startled by the degree of admiration this enigmatic three-parter elicited from many who saw it, including friends authose judgments I usually trust

I began to feel a little churlish, especially since, on reflection, I could think of few, if any, dramatists since Dennis Potter who attempt to use television in such an original and provocative way. Poliakoff still thinks television can be a grown-up artform, tackling radi-cal questions about art, culture, life, the Universe and everything. He is an heir to the tradition of Huw Wheldon, and I suppose we should be grateful for that alone. And it was partly because Poliakoff carries this torch that I

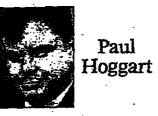
ating. The play kept assaulting my dozens of them, and none go credulity, throwing up fences too proper answers. I spent the whole high to jump. Why were the new American owners of the picture library only corresponding about their plans to sell the collection. close down the business and redesign the interior of the historic building it was housed in, with one member of the staff there, who

wasn't even in overall control? Why had Oswald Bates hidden this correspondence from his colleagues? How did this outfit get permission to rip out the ornate interior of what was obviously a listed building? (If it wasn't meant to be that special, why film it at Ham House? Did no architects or designers visit the place to plan this relit or were they just going to make it up as they went along? Why didn't Marilyn Truman hit the phone as soon as the Americans arrived? I won't bother you with more of

proper answers. I spent the whole first episode balking at things, and balking seriously interferes with suspension of disbelief.

h well, it is art, I suppose.

not to be taken too literally, and this was, philosophically, an ambitious piece. Poliakoff was articulating several thematic strands, each one admirable in its way. There was the inherent wonder of the photographic archive seen as an almost magical repository of truths about human experience, an inexhaustible mine of unexpected connections and revelations. Last night the collection revealed to the American businessman Christopher Anderson (Liam Conningham) that his grandmother was a promischous. drug-abusing probable murderer, for instance. Balk. Excuse me. It's a metaphor. We all have some-



There is the cultural vandalism of accountancy driven planning. which knows the price of every-thing and the value of nothing. Hardly original, and I wish he had not embodied this process in crassly caricatured Americans. The home-grown version sweeping our public services is much more insidious and rather more relevant to this situation. But Poliakoff knows that, it was the Birtian

Beeb that flogged the Hulton collection; hard-headed Americans bought it. Still, the general point is worth repeating.
Then came the psychological

effects of redundancy, forced redeployment, downsizing, constructive dismissal. Above all, the question of the failure of homogenised "human resources" management even to recognise idiosvneratic talent or wayward genius, let alone value it. All this was grippingly captured in Timothy Spall's Oswald, whose lightning lateral mind and literally photographic memory could pick out the same face reappearing in snaps separated by decades and thousands of miles. Balk. Oops, sorry.

Poliakoff's other genius lies in the texture of the drama, full of unusual nuances, each scene constantly twisting away from its apparent course. This can be annoyingly self-conscious. The characters second-guess each other, playing games with the audience's expectations. But intense emotion creeps up unexpectedly. about things we don't normally find particularly moving.

T e elicits riveting performances (Lindsay Duncan was spellbinding). The slow, atmospheric direction is hypnotic. When he does not drift into absurdity, nothing touches the quality of his writing. If only I could stop that balking.

It is an unbreakable rule of costume drama that the stately homes of the aristocracy are bathed in brilliant, glearning light, despite being tit only by candles: whereas big crites are shrouded in perpetual darkness, in the first of three The Scarlet Pimpernel (BBCI) films, last night, Revolutionary Paris appeared to be going through some kind of nuclear winter. At least there is no need to worry

about balking. This is pure corn-

resembling artistic pretensions.
But then life is easier if you don't think too much about certain matters. Such as whether your hamster feels shame, or the goldfish is clinically depressed. Do Animals have Emotions?, the second in the Animal Minds series (BBC2), explained that baboons get stressrelated ulcers, macaws get jealous and chickens don't like standing on wire mesh. I swear I saw the cat. balking at the television.

fed escapist nonsense. The pre-pub-

licity tells us that "that damned

elusive Pimpernel" is an 18th-centu-

ry James Bond, a point echoed in the incidental music. He even had

the miniature secret agent's gadget

kit concealed about his person-

There's a dash of Biggles, and

since the saviour of the French aristocracy acts the effete but witty

top, a dollop of Oscar Wilde.

Richard E. Grant obviously loves

every minute. And with one bound

our hero was free of anything

£BC1 6.00em Business Breakfast (32922) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (78651) 9.00 Kilroy (T) (8310729) 3.45 The Vanessa Show (T) (5783699)

found the first episode so exasper-

10.55 News; Regional News; Weather (T) 11.00 Real Rooms (7652670) 11.25 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (1) (7639729)

11.55 News; Regional News; Weather (T) (1865125) 12.00pm Call My Bluff (49090) 12.30 Wipsout (3104670)

12.55 The Weather Show (1) (55996922) 1.00 One O'Clock News; Weather (1)

1.30 Regional News; Weather (86343729) 1.40 Neighbours (T) (65023545) 2.05 konside (r) (7316019) 2.55 Body Spies New series. Daily programme following the efforts of seep-lit martyrs to stick to new year

resolutions. (5039470) 3.25 Children's BBC: Playdays (1574354) 3.45 The Littlest Pet Shop (9718477) 3.55 Bodger and Badger (9220767) 4.00 Pocket Dragon Adventures (8672477) 4.15 Rugrals (1119800) 4.35 Misery Guts (1368361) 5.00 Newsround (5105090) 5.10 Blue Peter (6245545)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (1) (585293) 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Weather (1) (941) 6.30 Regional News Magazine (293) 7,00 This Is Your Life (1) (7800).

7.20 Watchdog Healthcheck Report on drugs available via the Internet without a prescription (1) (477) .: 8.00 EastEnders Grant fights to clear his name (T) (6748).

Ded Alan seems to be the only member of the family missing out on a healthy sex life. Comedy, starring George Cole and Kevin 9.00 Nine O'Clock News; Regional News; Weather (T) (7699)

restaureteur Sameer Vasaveril begins to wish he hadn't forsaken a law career as opening day approaches and the builders fall behind schedule (1) (98800) Panonima trestigation into the ataming rise in cases of food poisoning.
(T) (403545)



Joay Beauchamp of Oxford United is

10.40 Metch of the Day Highlights of Oxford United v Chelsea in the FA Cup (T) (285361)

11.25 By the Sword (1991) Premiere. An ex-fencing champion (F. Murray Abraham) starts work as caretaker at a sword-lighting academy run by the son of a man he killed in a duel. Directed by Jeremy Paul Kagan (T) (754651) 12.50am Weather (9284341) 12.55 BBC News 24 (84823713)

these questions, but there were thing dark in our past, apparently.

7.00am Children's BBC Breakfast Show: The Family Ness (9544467) 7.05. Teleutobles (2678564) 7.30 Secret Squimel and Co (3557496) 7.55 Blue-Peter (2971038) 8.20 Taz-Mania (9501816) 8.40 Polica Dot Shorts (880699) 8.50 Romitald the Reindeer (8870583) 8.00 Romitald the Reindeer (880699) 8.50 Romuski the Reindeer (8879583) 9.00 Deytime On Two: Space Ark (7706854) 9.10 Short Circuit (6122019) 9.30 Writing and Pictures (8888651) 9.45 Storytime (8883105) 10.00 Children's BBC: Telesubbles (32361) 10.30 Deytime On Two: Words and Pictures (5542090) 10.45 Cats' Eyes (5547545) 11.00 Look and Read (1104854) 11.00 Look and Read (1104854) 11.00 Textures (55421835) (1104854) 11.20 Zig Zag (6121835) 11.40 Landmarks (5336632) 12.05pm

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of art (r) (82210038) 1.40 The Arts and Crafts Show Making a tted sofa (65044038)

2:10 Sporting Greats With Alan Ball (22850212) 2.40 News; Weather (I) (8633477) 2.45 Match of Their Day With Geoff Hurst 2:15 (1) 0821028 (2/15) (1) (9821926) wa; Weather (T) (2639038)

3.30 The Face on the Milk Carton (TVM 1995) Moving craftle about an expension strotent who sets out to find her biological: parents. With Kellie Martin. Directed by Waris Hussein (1) (20748)

5.00 Tennis: Australian Open The start of the second week (4011) **6.00** The Simpsons (t) (1) (546870) **6.20** The Simpsons (t) (1) (524458) 6.45 Hit, Mies or Maybe (T) (675816) 7.00 Britannia Tom McKendrick felis the story

of the Royal Yacht (r) (1670) Against the Grain Controversial farmer Oliver Walston concludes his hard-headed is of British agriculture with a look et the future of the industry (T) (449)

Paul Kenyon discovers that rising damp may be little more than a myth (2/6):(1) (7090)



**Antony Worrall Thompson creates** more exciting recipes (8.30pm)

8.30 Food and Drink Rick Stein creates a seefood recipe and Antony Worrs Thompson warms up with venison chill (1) (6125)

9.00 Red Dwarf (r)(T) (8941) -9.30 League of Gentlemen (7) (92670) 10.00 The Fast Show Comedy sketch show (7/8) (1) (1) (48361)

10.30 Newsmight With Jeremy Paxman (1) (294019)

11.15 A Place of Safety (352767) 11.55 Weather (534699) 11.55 Weather (534699) 12.00am Despatch Box Political news (35133) 12,30 BBC Learning Zone

5.30am ITN Morning News (78212) B.00 GMTV (6435854)

9.25 Trisha (1) (3209125) 10.30 This Morning (T) (24876835) 12.15pm HTV News and Weather 12.30 ITN Lunchtime News; Weather (I)

(76632) 1.00 Shortland Street (73106) 1.30 Home and Away (1) (75903) 2.00 The Jerry Springer Show (1) (2540309) 2.45 Dale's Supermarket Sweep (T)

(963851) 3.15 ITM News Headlines (T) (2620380) 3.20 HTV News (1) (2627293)

3.25 CITV: Mopatop's Shop (2817816) 3.35 Kipper (8168038) 3.45 The Adventures of Captain Pugwash (8146274) 4.00 Oggy and the Cockroaches (4338011) 4.20 it's a Mystery (2338831), 4.45 Sabrina the Teenage Witch (1382941)

5.10 WEST: Painting Wild Wales (I) 5.10 WALES: Moneyapinners (1) (6901962) 5.40 ITN Early Evening News; Weather (I) (116212)

6.00 Home and Away (r) (1) (458941) 6.25 WEST: HTV Weather (797477) 6.25 WALES: Wales Tonight (1) (302309) 6.30 WEST: The West Tonight (1) (361) 6.56 HTV Crimestoppers (566729) 7.00 Wish You Were Here? The quieter side

of Majorca, a cruise around the French and Italian Rivieras and clubbing in Rimini 7.30 Coronation Street The Websters' leud



True-life hospital drama with the Trauma Team (8pm)

8.00 Traume Team Staff nurse Peter McGrane arrives in A&E as a patient, while the animal handler whose arm was bitten off by a tiger revels in all the media attention (2/6) (1) (1816)

8.30 Carol Vorderman's Better Homes The DIY teams visit Halifax (4/10) (1) (3651) 9.00 The Vice Part two. Cheryl hits a brick wall In her search for rest boy Brendan, believing his parents are hiding vital information about his past (4/6) (T) (6421)

10.00 News at Ten; Weather (T) (42187) 10.30 HTV News and Weather (T) (502670) 10.40 Nash Bridges (T) (302477) 11.40 Midnight Caller (342800) 12.40am Football Extra Football League highlights (8638862)

1.40 World Football International soccer (r)

(6782794)
2.10 Son of Dracuita (1943) Atmospheric chiller in which the count visits America's Deep South in search of fresh blood. Lon Chaney Jr stars. Directed by Robert Siodmak (9723133)

3.40 Trisha Shown earlier (r) (T) (3073355) 4.40 ITV Nightscreen (34198591) 5.00 Coronation Street (r) (1) (22268)

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4.30 Central Jobfinder '99 (8430249) 5.20-5.30 Asian Eye (4880317)

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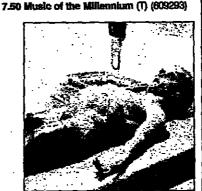
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1.00 Pet Rescue (r) (T) (71748) 1.30 Roots to Success (I) (86350019)

1.45 Cottectors' Lot (1) (79739309)
1.55 Catlet Weekend (1946) British comedy starring George Thorpe and Marjoria Fielding. Directed by Harold French (1) (61265380) 3.30 Hampton Court Palace (I) (767)

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6.30 Hollyoaks Kate confronts her mother (T) 7.00 Channel 4 News; Weather (T) (941403)



it may look like an alien, but will it prove to be real? (8pm)

8.00 The Roswell Incident Examination of the facts surrounding one of the postwar era's most persistent enigmes — the alleged UFO crash outside Roswell, New

Mexico, In 1947. (r) (T) (5729) 9.00 Mayday Investigation into design faults in shipping, which have led to notorious tragedies such as the Dona Paz disaster and the loss of roll-on roll-off ferry the Herald of Free Enterprise in 1987. (4/4) (1) (8293) 10.00 Money for Nothing (TVM 1993) An

unemployed docker stumbles across a stash of untraceable money and decides to keep it. Starring John Cusack. Directed by Ramon Menendez (1) (756670) 11.55 Shooting Gallery Short films (529767) 11.56 A'la Cart (980729)

12.10am insomnia (5268355) 12.30 The Loved (9677965) 12.45 Love Story (1423201) 12.55 The End (1) (5525864)

1.15 Dispatches (r) (T) (94404) 1.45 Powerhouse Omnibus Highlights (2202620)

2.10 Right to Repty Viewers' comments (r) (1) (5517881)

2.40 Susannah of the Mountles (1939)
Romantic adventure, starring Shirley
Temple: Directed by William A. Seiter

(3173152) 4.00 TOP! 1 — Top! En Español (997404) 5.40 Place and People (3317794) 6.00am 5 News and Sport Headlines, sport and business (7548309)

7.00 WideWorld Part two. Maggie Philibin explores science in everyday life (r) (T)

7.30 Milkshake! (5201895) 7.35 Wimzie's House (r); 5 News Update (9367125)

8.00 Havelozoo (r) (1707816) 8.30 Dappledown Farm (r); 5 News Update

9.00 Was it Good for You? (r) (1720767) 9.30 The Oprah Wintrey Show (6159361) 10.20 Sunset Beach Olivia nearly spills the beans (1) (2764309) 11.10 Leeza (2644835)

12,00pm 5 News at Noon (T) (1700903) 12.30 Family Affairs (f) (T); 5 News Update (9576632)

1.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (I) (9635583) 1.30 The Roseanne Show With Country star Loretta Lynn and actress Caroline Rhea (r); 5 News Update (9575903) 2.00 100 Per Cent Gold (6996903)

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2.30 Good Afternoon Lifestyle magazine, incorporating real-life soep Liverpool Murris, Eric Knowles with Selling the Family Silver and word game Cryptogram; 5 News Update (4195767)

3.30 Harvey (TVM 1997) Harry Anderson stars as a middle-eged bachelor with an imaginary white rabbit as his triend. Swoozie Kurtz plays the ambitious sister trying to have him certified. Directed by George Schaefer (1) (9279458)

5.20 Surrect Beach Shown earlier (r) (1); 5

5.20 Sunset Beach Shown earlier (r) (T); 5 News Update (6728187) 6.00 100 Per Cent Computer-generated quiz

6.30 Family Attains Holly gets cold feet (T) (5848564) 7.00 5 News; Weather (T) (6907019)

7.30 Wild Flight Attempts to save the Australian cockatoo from extinction (T); 5 News Update (5844748) 8.00 Weather Front Katle Ledger, Paul Simons and Chris Thomcroft examine

systems (7/8) (6916767) 8.30 Road Rages Jokes about lady drivers are laid to rest with evidence that men are responsible for 94 per cent of motoring offences, though junctions still pose hazards for women (4/6) (1); 5 News

Update (6995274) 9.00 The Face (TVM 1996) Yasmine Bleeth stars as a withdrawn, distigured woman who vows to exact revenge on the former lover who framed her for a crime he committed. Directed by Jack Bender (T); 5 News Update (12874800)

10.50 Dr Fox's Chart Update Pop hits (4608903)

10.55 Broken Badges (TVM 1990) An unconventional detective assembles a posse of mentally unbalanced cops to irack down a wealthy couple's killer. Drama, starting Miguel Ferrer. Directed by Kim Menners (T) (46408318)

12.45em Live and Dangerous Snowboarding at the Winter X Olympics (79720959) 4.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H The Wertworth prisoners organise a petition, and Bobble finds herself in danger (3590084) 5.30 100 Per Cent (r) (4546309)

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# Plans to overhaul electricity pool in jeopardy

BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

GOVERNMENT plans to overhaul the electricity marketplace — a pivotal part of the Energy White Paper — are in trouble and unlikely to meet next year's deadline.

versial electricity "pool", the Gov- new gas stations to be effectively

its de facto ban on new gas-fired power stations. This will incense generators who are already frustrated at the stranglehold on expan-

Last October Peter Mandelson. then Trade and Industry Secretary, Without a reform of the contro- ordered the pool to be scrapped and fairer for coal. His Energy White Paper followed a year of crisis for RJB Mining, the biggest producer, after the expiry of government con-

Tomorrow John Battle, Energy Minister, will be told by power companies and advisers on pool reform

that legislation will be necessary because all the parties involved in the pool are unlikely to endorse re-

The Government has no legislative slot for pool reform. It may hope to insert it into a Bill on utility regulation, although there is no time booked for that Bill.

reform programme, there are grow-ing fears about a legal minefield when power companies are forced to unravel long-term contracts linked to pool prices.

These widely used "contracts for differences" are tied to prevailing pool prices. When there is no such thing, lawyers have said that dismantling the contracts will be highly problematic

The Government will replace the pool, in which generators bid in prices and are paid partly ac-cording to the power stations they can run, with bilateral con-

This could raise the risk of supply failures because the process will not be centralised. The poor was created, primarily, to ensur that the lights stay on

Tomorrow's meeting between Mr Battle, the industry, pool advisers and consumers' groups is the first cross-interest one he has called -more than three months after the White Paper. Some key groups have not met at all yet.

# Blank wants Mirror to fire Montgomery

By RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

SIR VICTOR BLANK, chairman of Mirror Group, is to put a formal motion for the removal of his chief executive, David Montgomery, at

a board meeting tomorrow. Sir Victor will claim that that Mr Montgomery, who has run the newspaper group lost the confidence of the nonexecutive directors. However, it is not clear if all the nonexecutives, who include Sonia Land, Lord Borrie and Alan Clements share this view.

is deputy chairman of Mirror. is planning to raise questions about the way that Sir Victor has been conducting the negotiations with the two bidders

Victor's behaviour in a meeting with non-executive directors last week. One of the com-plaints is that Sir Victor did not inform a Mirror board meeting on January II that the previous day he had been telephoned by Sir Norman

say that if there was fraud,

Robert Maxwell, who signed

the policy, would have known

it was being perpetrated and that this invalidates the claim.

former Foreign Secretary, is

to arbitrate on the case at a

week. If he rules against the

insurers, Mirror would bene-fit in its own right and also be-

cause it helped to meet pen-

sion fund shortfalls and so

has first claim on recoveries.

Lord Hurd of Westwell, the

due to start next

# Maxwell policy could lead to £50m boost

MIRROR GROUP could gain up to £50 million from the settlement of an insurance claim brought by it, the Maxwell pension funds and Maxwell Communication Corporation over the disappearance of more than £500 million in the before and after Robert Maxwell's death in 1991 (Jason Nissé writes).

The two former Maxwell companies, and their pension funds, are claiming under a fraud policy, but the insurers

circling Mirror, Regional Independent Media and Trinity. Mr Clements raised a number of questions about Sir

Phillips & Drew, the fund manager, agree with his move. Some shareholders have said that they may call an extraordinary meeting to oust Mr Montgomery if he refuses to resign. The acrimonious dispute at the heart of the Mirror board is coming to a head while a 200p a share cash offer worth £913

> gional Independent Media, publisher of the Yorkshire Post. Events are being watched closely by Trinity, the UK's largest regional newspaper group, which offered an all-share deal worth about 160p a share. It

million is on the table from Re-

Fowler, chairman of RIM re-

questing a meeting.
At a meeting on January 15
Sir Norman handed over a writ-

ten offer proposal. A document

produced by Mr Clements also

questions whether Sir Victor

met Mirror shareholders with-

out advisers present - some-

thing that should not happen

least 35 per cent, including the Mirror's largest shareholder

during an offer period. Sir Victor will claim that shareholders speaking for at

then pulled out of talks. RIM has made it clear that it is likely to submit a higher offer for Mirror but only after much fuller disclosure of information - something that has yet to happen. City analysts have put a 225p price tag on Mirror. Any removal of Mr Montgomery will be viewed as a negative by RIM, which fears being shut out of the deal.





# Bell takes on carpetbaggers

BY SUSAN EMMETT

MICHAEL HARDERN, the freelance butler leading the attempts to turn Britain's building societies into banks, has a new adversary. Martin Bell, the whitesuited MP for Tatton, bas embarked on a crusade to save mutuals from conversion and called on MPs to declare their building society accounts on the register of members' interests.

The anti-sleaze campaigner targeted carpetbaggers by stating that windfall

sion vote process.

Although notorious carpetbaggers such as Mr Hardern would be in the first line of fire, Mr Bell's proposals could also draw attention to MPs who might have a vested interest in the municality debate. However, Mr Bell has yet to reveal whether he holds any building society ac-

counts. Building societies based near his Cheshire constituency include the Cheshire, the Manchester, the Marsden and the

payments should not be part of the conver- Bob Goodall who co-ordinates the Save Our Building Societies campaign, said: "It's obvious that if an MP had something. to hide he would not introduce the subject as public debate."

Mr Bell, the former BBC war corres-

pondent, said that building society votes could only be truly democratic if the windfall element was removed. Mr Bell said that he was "concerned that votes for conversion are backed up with what can only be described as a

# **BP** to exploit Mobil barrier

By Carl Mortished INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS EDITOR

BP AMOCO looks set to take advantage of a European com-petition barrier to Excen's plans to merge with Mobil by striking a deal to gain control of refining businesses worth about £3 billion.

BP has a joint venture with Mobil in Europe and the most blody result of the complex sination is that BP could buy all of Mobil's downstream assets so that the deal with Exxon can go through. The BP Mobil joint venture has already brought savings of about 1500 million in their joint operations.

The US Federal Trade Com-

mission has requested a mountain of further information from Exxon which has yet to file its agreement to take over Mobil with the European Commission. However, the European competition regulator said it had already been in contact with Exxon.

The market is worried that the Exxon/Mobil deal will trip up at the starting blocks. Mo-bit's share price is at an 8 per cent discount to its implied value on the Exxon merger terms. Rodney Chase, BP's deputy chief executive said that BP was confident about the outcome of negotiations with Exxon/Mobil. "They wish to con-

clude a merger. We are keen to help them to do so." According to Wood Macken zie, the consultants, the £3 billion BP/Mobil European oil products venture has a market share of 10.6 per cent. Adding Excepts European downstream assets would create a petrol and lubricants behemoth with over 20 per cent of the European market.

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# P&S may face auction sale

BY RAYMOND SNODDY

PORTSMOUTH & Sunderland Newspapers yesterday said that it has received a number of bid approaches over the weekend after the launch of a £16 a share offer made on Friday by rival publisher, Johnston Press. P&S denounced a hostile

move by Johnston as "opportunistic and told their shareholders to ignore the tender offer which closes on Saturday. The newspaper and conven-

ience store group said that it had received at least two other approaches since Friday when Johnston Press bought a 14.99 per cent stake and launched a tender offer for a further 10 per cent. Johnston is also seeking regulatory approval to take a controlling interest in P&S. In a letter to be sent to shareholders today, Sir Stephen Waley-Cohen, the P&S chair-

man, argues that Johnston

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

A HUGE shake-up in Brit-ain's venture capital industry will be signalled today when 3i

announces that it is in talks to

buy Electra Investment Trust for about £1.25 billion.

The pair started talks ten

days ago for 3i to buy Electra. The takeover would shake up

the private equity market and propel 3i into a more central role with stakes in large busi-

nesses. In the past, it has not had a great deal of success in

large transactions. It has been

suggested that 3i could bid up

compared with a price of

563½p on Friday. Electra's net

to 725p a share for Electra -

The Johnston Press move fol-

Press is trying to buy P&S "on

lows rejection of an unsolicited approach to P&S in Novem-. "We believe that the tender offer significantly undervalues. P&S's earnings and growth potential which we considered in detail when deciding to reject Johnston's previous approach," Sir Stephen will tell shareholders.

P&S declined to give further details yesterday on the other preliminary "approaches" but they are believed to include both potential financial bidders as well as a newspaper group. P&S management recognises that the Johnston action has put the company in play and it is prepared to recom-mend an offer that values the company's potential. The John-

ston offer would value P&S at

Electra and 3i in talks

Stoddart: shares at discount

less than E7 when the compa-

chaired by Michael Stoddart,

the venture capital guru, have

been trading at a discount of

Shares in Electra, which is

my comments on the talks.

# forecast for retailers BY CHRISTINE BUCKLEY

**Bumpy ride** 

GLOOM in the high street is likely to persist for several more months but then retailers can expect fortunes to improve, according to a Verdict survey published today.

But in the long term high street shops will face a harder fight for customers against a proliferation of electronic sellers. The retail consultancy prediets tougher conditions and falling profit margins over the next five years. It forecasts a big growth in retailing capacity with the equivalent of 25 new big regional shopping centres being built. This, along with in-creased use of shopping by home computer, will mean that

retailing is a buyer's market. Verdict forecasts that this year there will be real growth of 2.1 per cent in retail sales - taking the total to £198 billion and on to £208 billion next year.

up to 30 per cent to its net asset

value. This is largely because

its portfolio is concentrated in

3i specialises in smaller de-

velopment capital situations.

and its shares have tended to

trade at or above net asset

A sticking point to the deal may be Electra's contract with

Electra Fleming, a joint ven-ture with Robert Fleming, the

merchant bank. Electra Flem-

ing manages the trust and may want a continued role in

Both companies are keen to

expand their operations in

Europe, with 3i already

having built beachheads in

the expanded 3i structure.

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